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Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas, second right, and Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), left, met with Tim Chen and the Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd. to discuss their continued interest in the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino and their plans for possibly re-opening the hotel and casino.

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REPORTER

An investor is seriously looking into taking over the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, which hotel remains closed since March and its casino doors shuttered since September 2015.

According to Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas, Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd., headed by investor Tim Chen, is already in the process of finalizing negotiations for taking over TDHC.

"The [current TDHC] owners, Hong Kong Entertainment, which is owned by

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'Federal takeover of mining, quarry regs alarming'

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Local quarry and mining companies have signaled the alarm over soon-to-be-imposed regulations by the federal government on their operations in October this year, citing the adverse affects of costs to comply in a short-time frame of six months.

Representatives from mining and quarry companies—Construction & Material Supply, Inc., D&J Equipment Rental, Inc., G.P.P.C., Inc., J.G. Sablan Rock Quarry, Inc., and USA Fanter, Inc.—have written to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for his help to, among others, see that the federal government provide "pre-implementation" site visits and reviews that are "free of cost."

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Torres: Cancer affects us all

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Cancer is a disease that not only affects the victims or their families, but the entire community, said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in yesterday's proclamation signing declaring May 5 to 14 as Marianas March Against Cancer Week at the Best Sunshine International, Ltd.-Corporate Social Responsibility office in Middle Road.

MMAC committee members, led by 2016 overall chair Geri Dela Cruz, with Commonwealth Cancer Association officials, House Floor Leader George N. Camacho (R-Saipan) and Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero(R-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), Vinson E. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), and Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang were also in attendance during the proclamation signing.

BSI is a platinum sponsor of MMAC. Imperial Pacific Holdings International Ltd.-BSI chief services officer Tao Xing led BSI-CSR personnel who were also present in the proclamation signing.

Torres said he has attended and signed many proclamations before, but the MMAC Week holds a special place in his heart.

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JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, center, signs the proclamation declaring May 5 to 14 as Marianas March Against Cancer Week as Karidat executive director Lauri Ogumoro, left, and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang look on yesterday at the Best Sunshine International, Ltd.-Corporate Social Responsibility office in Middle Road.

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Torres wants to renegotiate concessions lease with Tasi Tours

If law permits, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said he intends to sit down and re-negotiate a contract with Japanese company Tasi Tours for an exclusive concession lease over Managaha Island.

The Department of Public Lands earlier said that a request for proposal would be out last week, but Torres told reporters yesterday he has asked DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo for her patience, as he seeks the Office Attorney General's guidance to see if an "RFP is warranted."

"If the law allows me to negotiate directly with Tasi Tours, then I will do that," Torres told reporters after a press event yesterday. "If the law requires me to do an RFP, then I have to do that as well."

Torres repeatedly asserted yesterday that the Managaha lease was a "concessions" lease and not a lease of property like with other major hotels on island that have opened to competitive bids recently or will so in the approaching years.

Torres said that under a concession lease, "it's just like someone renting a jet ski behind Fiesta [Resort & Spa]" hotel.

"Because it is a concessions lease agreement, unlike property that Marianas Resort or Fiesta, or Hyatt [Regency Saipan] or any other golf courses, for example," he added.

The Mariana Resort and Spa lease expires in 2018, and is property that has been openly eyed and pursued by casino company Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, which oversees the exclusive casino industry on Saipan.

In Garapan, the Hyatt Regency and Fiesta Resort have leases that reportedly expire within the next 10 years.

Torres also acknowledged concern with an ailing Japanese tour market.

JTB, the parent company of the Tasi Tours, is seen as the largest tour company in the world.

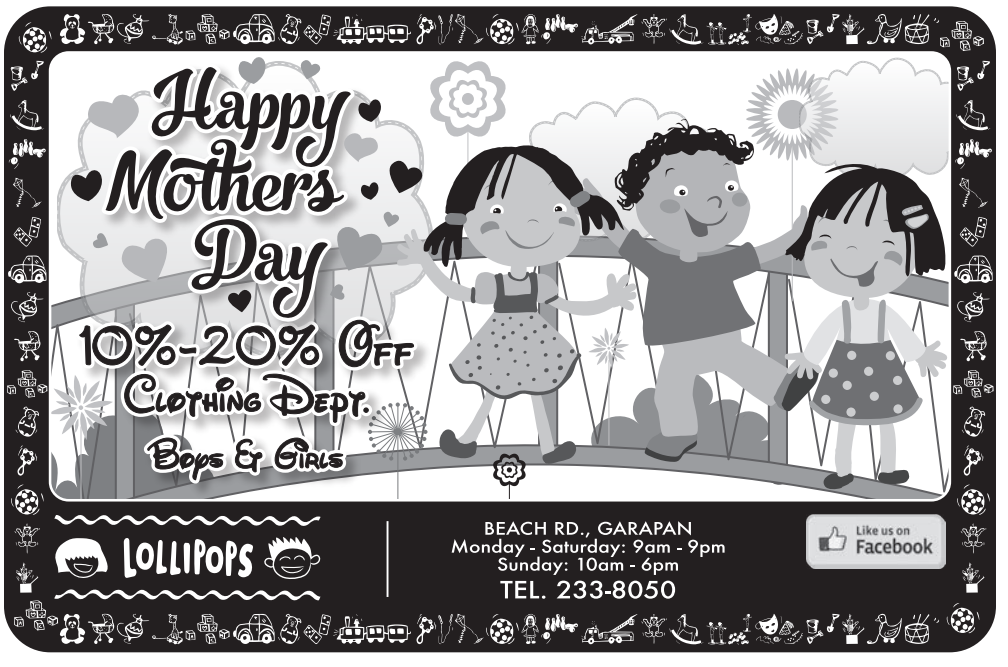
"I am concerned with the Japanese tourist market, and with the emphasis that this administration has put forth to bring back an increase the Japanese tourism," he said. "We are giving all of our effort with Marianas Visitors Authority, working with Delta Airlines, working with Japan Saipan tour agents, and our HANMI association and now the Tasi Tours."

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion also signaled their support of renegotiating a contract with the Tasi Tours, if that option was taken.

"At the end of the day, the Tasi Tours group is owned the JTB Group in Japan. JTB is the largest travel agency in the world," said Concepcion. "And so to have that kind of a presence here in the CNMI is very important."

"We will support whatever path the administration is leaning towards. We'll do our part on the MVA's part to support whatever his intentions are, with regards to the lease. If he's interested in opening up, or renegotiating a brand new lease with the existing concession holder that is something we will definitely discuss and support the administration on.

"As far as Japan, it is a very, very critical market for us. We need to maintain the goal of 30,30,30 [percentage split of Asian markets]" an "equal distribution of tourists arrivals here in the CNMI. It is very important for our long-term growth," Concepcion said. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***



Public disappointed with deferment of CUC rate hearing

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The public hearing of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission was well-attended by members of the public yesterday, more than one year after it last held such a hearing. However, much to the some disappointment, Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s rate matters were removed as part of the session.

At the beginning of the hearing, hearing officer Harry Boertzel announced that rate matters will be deferred until the next session, which schedule is still undetermined.

"At a prehearing conference [on Wednesday] including Georgetown and CUC, CUC requested that all rate matters that would have been heard this morning will be postponed until the next regulatory session. After discussing that, good cause was shown for that, so today we'll be limiting ourselves to three matters," Boertzel said.

Three CUC rate matters were supposed to be discussed at the hearing—the Fuel Charge Reconciliation, the Fuel Adjustment Charge, and the FAC Electric Surcharge or the replacement of water and wastewater electric surcharge, which was Docket 15-03.

One member of the public aired his disappointment that rate matters will not be discussed.

"I'm really kind of disappointed here because I'm here to listen to what you guys sent out on the notice but you said earlier that you're not going to talk about the rate. That was the reason I am here because you sent out a notice. Are we here for the public hearing for the rate? He said earlier that we're not going to talk about the rate," the resident said.

"I want to know, is this really a public hearing for the rate or are we being misled? He added.

Boertzel responded that the commission agreed to the deferment.

"It was our intent to hold a two-day public hearing on a number of rate matters. CUC requested [on Wednesday] that the hearing on those matters be deferred until the next regulatory session," Boertzel said.

"There will be a hearing on the rate matters that interests you but it will not be until several months from now and you'll get new notices for that," he added.

Boertzel did not disclose the reason for CUC's request—nor did the corporation or the commission offered any.

According to assistant attorney general Michael Witry, the public can request for the documents showing why there were changes to the hearing session.

"If members of the public are wondering about the process that led to today's hearing changing from the rate hearing to this informal sort of briefing hearing, the documents that led up to that exchange between CUC and the commission are public records, they are available via a public records request to the commission. If you're interested in finding it out, just write a letter saying I'd like to see these documents," Witry said.

Not being misled

On separate interviews, CUC legal counsel James Sirok and CPUC chair Joe Guerrero declined to give reasons on the deferment.

"I'm not at liberty to say anything on that, sorry," Sirok said, "We asked to defer it. It's that simple."

"We have the ability to request to defer, we requested and it was granted," he added.

Boertzel said the commission has the power to postpone matters.

"The commission can, for good cause shown, postpone consideration of anything," Boertzel said, explaining that "good cause" meant that reasons as to why or whether they need additional time, issues that need further development were evaluated.

Boertzel said there is "no injury to the public because it's just a delay. It's a matter of the commission's discretion."

According to Sirok, there was no issue of being misled.

"We're still having the same hearing that we announced. We just took certain items off the thing and it's not misleading

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Scientists explore Earth's newest land using 3D mapping

SUVA, Fiji—Research vessel R/V *Falkor* will returned to port recently after 28 days at sea conducting pioneering studies including mapping the Earth's newest island landscape in the Kingdom of Tonga (Southwestern Pacific). N

ASA has partnered with Schmidt Ocean Institute and Columbia University to produce a high resolution submarine topographic map of the undersea portion of a volcano that first appeared in January 2015 as a result of a "surtseyan" style eruption involving the dynamic interaction of hot volcanic materials and sea water.

Schmidt Ocean Institute's R/V *Falkor* conducted high-resolution undersea mapping in collaboration with NASA, as a mission of opportunity in conjunction with the Vent Life Expedition exploring ecosystem dynamics of the hydrothermal vent fields in the nearby eastern Lau Basin. This survey contributes to the project to extend satellite-based measurements that NASA's Earth Sciences Program began in summer of 2015 with collaborators from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the Canadian Space Agency (via their Radarsat-2 satellite), as well as the German Space Agency (DLR).

Because much of the landscape dynamics associated with new oceanic island volcanoes happens underwater, this unique project of opportunity provides scientists at NASA and Columbia's Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory with an integrated view of the three dimensional character of the new island from the seafloor to its approximately 130 meters tall summit above sea-level, all at spectacular meter-scale resolution. This topographic viewpoint will serve to better understand how such rapidly formed volcanic islands evolve and why their long-term survival as land is often so limited and short in duration. It will also contribute to understanding of hydro-volcanic processes on planets such as Mars where similar-appearing volcanic structures (i.e., to the new island in Tonga) have been observed by NASA satellites such as the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO).

R/V *Falkor* has excellent high-resolution mapping capabilities, and has recently discovered several new underwater features such as the recently named Falkor Seamount. Falkor's bathymetric mapping capabilities were able to be rapidly deployed to map a large region of complex seafloor topography around the new island, which is unofficially called Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai (HTHH) on the basis of nearby pre-existing islands in the Kingdom of Tonga. Preliminary analysis by Columbia University scientist Dr. Vicki Ferrini, together with NASA scientists from the Goddard Space Flight Center, have showcased why the new island has lost nearly 30 percent of its initial land area in only 15 months since the eruptive activity ended in late January 2015. Just as at Surtsey island in the North Atlantic Ocean (near Iceland), the submarine topography around HTHH clearly exerts a controlling effect on the pace and location of erosion due primarily to marine abrasion and local subsidence.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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ing," Sirok said.

Prior to CUC's request to defer rate matters on Wednesday, the CUC board just had a special board meeting on Tuesday to discuss in an executive session their "strategy" for the hearing on rate matters.

After the two-hour, closed-door meeting, the CUC board even made a motion to "continue on Docket 15-03" which is CUC's application to eliminate the Water Electric Charge and Wastewater Electric Charge and to increase the electric rates, fees and/or charges.

Sirok said deciding to continue with "the same position with Docket 15-03" is a different matter with their request for deferment.

"It's two different things," Sirok said.

Notices

The same member of the public also raised question as to how notices were given out and disseminated.

"I heard you said that you informed the public that you disseminated information about when to have the meeting but to tell you frankly, I'm here today on just the mere fact of hearing people talk about it. I have an account here at CUC but I didn't receive this [mail notice]," the resident said.

Per laws on public hearing, notices must be "advertised not less than once in each of three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth, the first publication being not more than 21 days before the scheduled hearing and the last publication being not less than two days before the scheduled hearing."

Additionally, the entity—in this case CUC—"shall notify its customers of the proposed change in rates in the normal billing process not less than three weeks before the date set for the public hearing."

Boertzel responded that notices were published and disseminated as per Commonwealth Law. He added that CPUC and CUC published the notices three times each.

It wasn't clear however, if notices to customers were sent out by CUC on time as the commenter as well as other CUC ratepayers said they weren't able to receive a notice.

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full compliance with their complicated regulations by their deadlines without incurring severe financial burden and expense," the companies said in an April 27 to Torres. "Without your help, the entire mining and quarrying industry will suffer, and along with it, so will economic development in the CNMI."

Comments from the Torres administration were requested, but not immediately available as of press time.

In 2015, federal officials held a meeting on Saipan with all quarry and mine operators, informing them that the federal government would begin regulating quarries and mines in the CNMI in five years, or 2020, the companies said.

"Those plans drastically changed. At an MSHA-sponsored training last month, all quarry and mine operators were informed that MSHA would begin enforcement in October 2016—six months from now."

The federal officials were from the U.S. Mining Safety and Health Administration, or MSHA. The officials were MSHA national manager Kevin Deel and MSHA district manager of Western District M/NM Wyatt Andrews.

The companies also challenge the authority of federal government to regulate CNMI's mines and quarries, suggesting that federal law may not apply to the NMI.

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 or Public Law 91-13, as amended by Public Law 95-164, establishes mandatory health and safety standards to govern the nations' mines.

Pursuant to the Act, "State" includes: "a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands."

And while the Northern Marianas Islands were at one point part of the Trust Territory, the companies said, the islands became a U.S. commonwealth in 1978, opening up the issue of whether the Act even applies to the CNMI today.

"We are no longer a Trust Territory and there is no language within the Act indicating that Congress intended to bind the islands even if the political relationship or status with the U.S. changed," the companies said.

The companies also note that there has never been formal MSHA presence in the NMI since the termination of the trusteeship arrangement.

They said that only in April 2016 did MSHA require all quarry and mine operators to attend and educational outreach program.

The companies called this training "sadly condensed, bereft of useful content, and far inferior" to training that the federal government provides to the rest of the U.S.

"It was clearly an 'information dump' on all quarry and mine operators in the CNMI," they said, "done more to regulate rather than help us understand and implement these complex and costly regulatory burdens."

The companies ask Torres for his help to ensure that the CNMI mines and quarries receive ample time, preferably five years, to implement MSHA regulations and policies.

"We respectfully request for your assistance to keep the CNMI's mining and quarry industry alive," they said.

MSHA officials visited the CNMI in March, a follow-visit to their first ever visit to the islands in May 2015.

Officials held an informational meeting with companies engaging in the removal or dredging of rocks, sand (aggregate), or other minerals (including shells) from the earth, or milling such materials (including crushing, sizing, and/or similar milling processes, which are considered mining and fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. DOL-MSHA.

"We're here to educate the mine operators, the contractors, and some people working in the operations about the Mine Act, about our jurisdiction, why we're here, what are we going to be doing because we don't want to come in here and start enforcement because nobody's ready," U.S. DOL-MSHA Western District manager Wyatt Andrews told *Saipan Tribune* that month.

"As far as full compliance, it's hard to say but I'm guessing nobody is in full compliance," Andrews said then.

"There are a couple of companies that are pretty well established like Hawaiian Rock Products. Those places like that are probably further along unlike some of the others because they are exposed, they have operations in Hawaii, where we inspect, and in Guam," he added.

He listed safety concerns on mobile equipment, seat belts, high wall safety, back up alarms as things of priority.

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"The MMAC is a special event that I always dedicate my time to attend and participate. The proclamation is a way of thanking the families and businesses that continue to support the MMAC," said Torres.

"Aside from this, I enjoy the burgers from Team Bodig," added Torres that drew laughter from the packed crowd that crammed inside the room at the BSI-CSR office.

"Cancer does not discriminate. It does not choose your age, gender, race, or ethnicity. We might know a relative or a friend that had been affected by this disease."

He then admired the journey that cancer survivor Angel Ray T. Guerrero took in his battle against the dreaded disease. "Angel is an inspiration to all of us in the CNMI. Being here is a blessing itself."

Torres said that he is thanking all the people behind this year's MMAC. "[MMAC] has increased the number of participants in this year's event. We appreciate everyone for their assistance, which goes a long way."

Dela Cruz, who is also the BSI-CSR director, took the opportunity to thank the hard-working team behind in this year's MMAC. "Everyone here has volunteered countless hours to make sure this is another successful event.

"Thank you also for all the teams that have been going out fundraising. All for the benefit of raising funds to help cancer patients and raise awareness."

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Mega Stars, I don't think that they have any plans in the immediate future to open. However, one of their investors, Chinese Strategic, headed by Mr. Tim Chen, they are serious at basically taking over ownership of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino," San Nicolas said.

"They are now in the process of continuing efforts to have them investigated and they are working with Tinian Entertainment Corp.," he added.

Tinian Entertainment Corp. is a subsidiary of Chinese Strategic, which is closely associated with Chen.

Chinese Strategic, a Hong Kong stock exchange trading company, is one of the initial investors with Mega Stars for the purchase of HKE, which currently owns Tinian Dynasty.

As Mega Stars previously borrowed money from Chen and Chinese Strategic, San Nicolas said the latter parties want to convert debt to ownership.

"What they want to do is they want to convert the debt to ownership and basically take over the ownership of Hong Kong Entertainment or if that's not feasible, then create a new company that would basically take over," San Nicolas said.

"They want to make a front seat now," he added, "They have been investors, now they want to take over."

Commission investigation

As a principal of Chinese Strategic and Tinian Entertainment Corp., Chen needs to be investigated and vetted by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission.

According to San Nicolas, Chen already visited Tinian and met with TCGCC and was introduced to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres as well.

"There is a $50,000 that is required and will be paid soon according to Mr. Chen, so that the commission can do their investigation," San Nicolas said.

The commission will have their investigators go to Hong Kong and 45 days after is required to have a hearing and come up with a decision as to whether he is financial suitable.

San Nicolas added that the investor also disclosed how he intends to address the outstanding liabilities of Tinian Dynasty, which include the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) fines, and moneys owed to the employees and vendors.

"Remember we still have FinCEN and labor matters," San Nicolas said, "Those are the things that they have to address so that's part of their due diligence."

In June 2015, FinCEN assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $75 million against the owner of Tinian Dynasty for "willful and egregious violations" of the Bank Secrecy Act and was determined to have failed to develop and implement an anti-money laundering program to ensure ongoing compliance with the Act.

Sex offender gets 13 months in jail

Sex offender Ivan Jones Castro was slapped with one year and 30 days in prison for his failure to update the Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry Section about his verification information, for having contact with minor children, and for violating his probation conditions.

In a written order issued on Wednesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced the 39-year-old Castro to a total of one year and 30 days of imprisonment, to the offenses of failure to update registration information, impermissible contact with minors, and violating his probation.

Castro was given credit of 161 days of time served. It means that he will be released from the Department of Corrections on Dec. 16, 2016.

After completing the prison term, Castro will be placed on supervised probation for three years.

The defendant was ordered to pay a $100 fine, $25 in court assessment fee, and $200 in probation fee.

Castro was required to abide by all the terms and conditions of the Sex Offender Registry, including notifying DPS of any address changes within two days and not living in a household with any non-biological minors.

Castro and his counsel, assistant public defender Tillman Clark, signed a plea deal with the government represented by assistant attorney general Chester Hinds.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on Aug. 25 to Oct. 13, 2015 on Saipan, Castro failed to update a change in his residence and place of employment with DPS. He resided in a residence with two minor children in violation of his probation condition imposed in his previous conviction.

Castro was among four men originally charged for kidnapping of a student in Kagman on June 15, 2010 and raping her at Tank Beach. One defendant pleaded guilty and subsequently sentenced in 2011 to 15 years in prison.

In December 2010, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman dismissed without prejudice the charges against Castro and two co-defendants at the request of the OAG, after the results of a DNA test turned up inconclusive. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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TDI joins settlement over fatal 2013 plane crash

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Another company has agreed to settle a lawsuit filed in federal court by a widow and child of a man who was among three persons killed during a plane crash on Tinian in 2013.

Top Development Inc. joined co-defendants Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., Star Marianas Air Inc., and Luis Silva in settling the lawsuit.

Attorney Stephen J. Nutting is counsel for Top Development. Attorney Timothy H. Bellas is counsel for Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., Star Marianas Air Inc., and Silva.

Attorney James W. Vititoe is representing plaintiffs Li Sha Gu and her minor child, Yu Xin Wu.

Attorneys Nutting, Bellas, and Vititoe informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Wednesday that they have agreed to settle this matter.

The parties asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice as to all defendants.

Dismiss with prejudice means the plaintiffs cannot reopen the case.

The parties requested the court to retain jurisdiction solely for the purpose of enforcing the settlement.

The lawyers did not disclose the terms of the settlement involving Top Development.

Last month, the federal court approved a $300,000 settlement deal on behalf of the minor Yuxin Wu.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy found the settlement fair and reasonable for the minor considering the facts of the case, and the child's claims, and the typical recovery in similar cases.

Lisha Gu and her minor daughter, Yuxin Wu, were among the four survivors in a Piper aircraft that crashed on Tinian in October 2013. Gu's husband and Wu's father, Xuan Wu, was among the three passengers killed in that crash.

Silva and a Chinese female tourist were the two other fatalities.

Lisha Gu and the child sustained injuries. They are currently residing in Shanghai, China. They sued Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., Star Marianas Air Inc., the plane's pilot Silva, and 10 unnamed co-defendants, for negligence-wrongful death, negligence, loss of consortium, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

Teenager allegedly stole car, found in possession of 'ice'

A teenager was allegedly found in possession of methamphetamine or "ice" after a police officer stopped a car that he stole from a parking lot of a poker establishment in Garapan on Wednesday.

Police said Mickey Ray G. Deleon Guerrero, 18, provided a written statement admitting to smoking "ice" and owning drug paraphernalia that were seized.

Deleon Guerrero also allegedly admitted to stealing the vehicle with another person, and recklessly driving it to elude arrest. The descriptions of the car were not indicated in the report.

Police Officer Adrian Mendiola, who stopped the car, immediately recognized the driver as it wasn't the suspect's first involvement in a theft of vehicle.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a $10,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for May 11 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Deleon Guerrero.

Police traffic investigator Norris Kwon stated in his report that a woman contacted the Department of Public Safety on Wednesday at 4am after her mother's car was stolen.

Kwon said investigation showed that the woman parked her mother's car on Wednesday at 12:30am at JL Poker Garapan, which was across from the house of her friend, whom she had visited.

After about three hours, the woman found out that the car was no longer in the parking lot.

At 11:43am on that same day, the woman contacted DPS and reported that she was following the stolen vehicle.

The victim told dispatch that the stolen car was driving at a high rate of speed and in a reckless manner to elude her.

Police Officer Adrian Mendiola finally stopped the car at 11:51am by the traffic signal light intersection near Guangdong Hardware. Mendiola recognized the driver as Deleon Guerrero.

The rear license plate of the car was hidden inside the back seat of the vehicle.

Mendiola padded down Deleon Guerrero and found from his front pocket a pack of cigarettes containing a white straw with clear residue and a screwdriver.

Seized from the suspect's right front pocket was a glass pipe with white burnt residue inside.

A police's field test on the residue from the straw found positive for methamphetamine, police said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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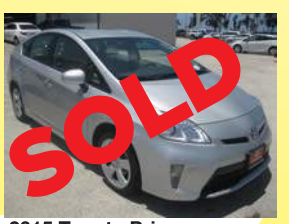

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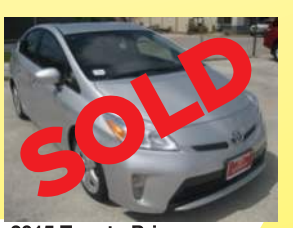

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SSA's Colvin asks federal court to dismiss Angello's lawsuit

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REPORTER

Social Security Administration acting commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin is asking the federal court to dismiss in its entirety a lawsuit filed by John A. Angello, who alleged, among other things, that his SSA retirement benefits were not properly calculated.

Colvin, through counsel assistant U.S. attorneys Jessica F. Wessling and Mikel W. Schwab, argued that the lawsuit should be dismissed because the U.S. District Court for the NMI lacks subject matter jurisdiction in this case.

In Colvin's motion to dismiss filed in court on Wednesday, Wessling and Schwab said Angello's complaint improperly asserts federal jurisdiction under the Older Americans Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment.

Wessling and Schwab asserted that the exclusive statutory basis to seek judicial review of the findings and decisions of the SSA Commissioner is the Social Security Act.

The lawyers also argued that the agency's determination is not ripe for judicial review as Angello has not exhausted his administrative remedy.

Accordingly, the lawyers said the court should dismiss the lawsuit without allowing Angello to amend it, as the court is without subject matter jurisdiction to review the agency's non-final decision.

Wessling and Schwab also argued that the complaint "fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted."

Angello is suing SSA and Colvin for allegedly violating the law by not recording his SS taxed earnings and delaying an answer or making a remedy, and by not properly and accurately calculating his SSA retirement insurance benefits and delaying an answer to his complaint.

Angello is also suing the defendants for allegedly violating the Social Security Act, Older Americans Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the U.S. Constitution by overcharging him for his medicare, delaying his February-August 2015 SSA retirement insurance benefits and not responding to his inquiries, and by selfishly calculating his 2016 cost of living adjustment by a self-serving consumer price index and denying him a COLA.

Angello asked the court to order SSA to record and credit his SS taxed earnings for years 2007-2009, or if not compelled to record 2007-2009 taxed earnings.

He requested the court to order the SSA to return taxes and fees ($3,528.02) to him since SS taxes were not officially collected from CNMI government employees during 2007-2009.

He asked the court to order SSA to recalculate his retirement insurance benefits according to the information in his SSA "My Account."

Angello moved the court to declare the SSA's Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) administered to his retirement insurance benefits is unconstitutional and should be reevaluated and re-calculated as to not cause undue harm to him.

He asked the court to order SSA to refund the Medicare payment of one month ($104.90) that has been withheld from him.

He requested the court to order SSA to pay him the retroactive February-August 2015 lump sum SS payment of $4,907 that is being improperly withheld from him.

He asked the court to declare SSA's action of denying him his 2016 COLA is not justifiable.

Angello said he filed for SS retirement insurance benefits at the age of 62 on Feb. 27, 2009, in the State of California, while caring for his dying parents.

An SS notice of award was issued on March 20, 2009.

On March 24, 2009, he filed a request for reconsideration after his determined benefits were greatly reduced due to the SS's Windfall Elimination Provision.

SSA denied his request for reconsideration to eliminate the WEP.

On Dec. 2, 2010, the SSA's administrative law judge denied Angello's request to eliminate the WEP.

Angello filed a request for review of hearing decision/order with the SSA's Appeals Council. The council denied his request.

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Deadline to register is on Saturday, May 7, with a minimum enrolment of 15 students and maximum of 40. This is a first come, first pay basis.

Students must also provide their own ukulele and a folder to hold their music sheets. Plastic sheet protectors and a three-ring binder are also recommended.

Parents and guardians must also sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their children, where they must adhere to public library policies and procedures.

For more information, visit the JKPL in Susupe or call 235-7316 or 235-7322. ***(PR)***

Ex-DOC officer gets 353 days for 'ice' possession, assault on cop

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REPORTER

Former Department of Corrections officer Thomas Aquino Cabrera Camacho was found to have a delusional disorder and was sentenced Wednesday in Superior Court to 353 days of time served and one year of suspended sentence for two criminal cases.

It means that the 55-year-old Camacho will be released from the Department of Corrections on Sunday, May 8, 2016.

At the sentencing hearing, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho expressed concern as there appears to be no meaningful way to provide mental health care to defendants with mental illness and/or disability in the CNMI criminal justice system.

Judge Camacho said the court is faced with putting a mentally ill person in prison without the proper mental health professionals or a hospital that releases a patient with a history of violence.

At the hearing, Judge Camacho inquired if DOC and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. are equipped to handle defendants with mental illness and/or disability.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Thomas Camacho, stated that DOC does not have the mental health personnel or doctors to administer the proper medications.

Meyer said CHC will not take any mental patients who have violent behaviors so simply releases mental health patients if they become violent.

Thomas Camacho, through counsel Meyer, and assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley, counsel for the government, signed a plea agreement.

The defendant pleaded guilty to illegal possession of controlled substance in one case, and assault and battery in a separate case.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Thomas Camacho struck Police Officer David Rabauliman with a baton on April 9, 2015, in Chalan Piao. The officer did not seek medical treatment.

The defendant illegally possessed crystal methamphetamine or "ice" at Naked Fish Bar and Grill in Susupe on May 11, 2015.

As part of the plea deal, the parties agreed to dismiss the remaining charges in the two cases.

Meyer and Baisley signed and filed their justification for plea agreement, stating that with proper counseling at the Community Guidance Center, defendant Thomas Camacho is not a danger to himself or the community.

The parties disclosed that Dr. Martin Blinder diagnosed the defendant as having delusional order.

The parties said Blinder states that absent delusional disorder defendant Thomas Camacho would not have committed the offenses he is charged with.

Blinder conducted a mental evaluation on the defendant last Feb. 23 because at the time of his arrest on both cases, he was talking about being a secret agent for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Judge Camacho said it is not clear in Blinder's report if the use of methamphetamine or "ice" was the cause of the mental illness.

The Office of the Attorney General did not contest Blinder's findings.

Judge Camacho sentenced the defendant to 353 days of time served for illegal possession of controlled substance and one year of suspended sentence for assault and battery.

The defendant was placed on one year of supervised probation and required to perform 300 hours of community work service, and pay $25 court costs and $100 probation fee.

The defendant was ordered to immediately report to certified substance abuse counselor Crispin M. Sablan for an initial drug assessment.

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Supreme Court denies CDA's petition

The Supreme Court denied the Commonwealth Development Authority's petition for a writ of mandamus and a writ of prohibition last May 4.

CDA's petition arose from the trial court proceedings in Commonwealth Dev. Auth. v. Estate of Rasa, Civ. No. 03-0609 (NMI Super. Ct.).

There, the trial court denied CDA's application for confirmation of a certificate of sale on a foreclosed property because it found the sale price of the property inadequate. The trial court then scheduled a hearing to determine a minimum foreclosure sale price for the foreclosed property. CDA petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus directing the trial court to vacate the order scheduling that hearing and for a writ of prohibition preventing the trial court from holding similar hearings in other cases.

In its petition, CDA asserted that the trial court erred by applying the Restatement of Law because Commonwealth written law is dispositive. The Supreme Court held that Commonwealth statutes and case law do not address the issue; therefore, it found that the trial court's application of the Restatement of Law was not error.

CDA also argued the court erred because the Restatement supports confirmation of the sale, and United States common law neither supports *sua sponte* review of an application for confirmation nor the scheduling of a minimum foreclosure price hearing. The court stated that the trial court did not err because there was a rational and substantial legal argument supporting the trial court's *sua sponte* denial of CDA's application. Further, it stated CDA's argument as to the hearing was unpersuasive because CDA did not show that the scheduling of the hearing was contrary to United States common law.

The court's full opinion is available at http://www.cnmi-law.org/supreme15.html. ***(PR)***

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Commonwealth Cancer Association president Bo Palacios, second right, project manager Juan L. Babauta, right, 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer committee member Nola Hix, left, join Sorensen Media Group officials for a group photo.

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Commonwealth Cancer Association vice president Maggie C. Camacho, third right, and treasurer Frank C. Aguon, second right, receives the check donation from Take Care general manager Nora Sablan, fourth right, for the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer.

Sorensen, Take Care gets on board MMAC

Take Care Insurance Co. and Sorensen Media Group got on board as title sponsors for the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer after each donated $3,000 to the annual event set on May 13 and 14 at the Hopwood Junior High School grounds in Chalan Piao.

Take Care donated $3,000 in cash, while Sorensen gave $3,000 worth of advertisements and radio time to MMAC.

Geralyn C. Dela Cruz, this year's MMAC overall chair, thanked Take Care and Sorensen Media for their donations. Both have been long-time sponsors of MMAC.

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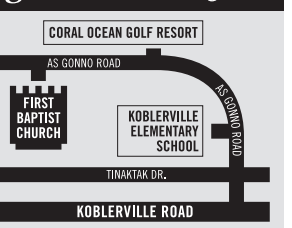

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May 19 deadline for LibDay beer concessionaires bid

Beer distributors or vendors have until May 19 to submit their application for one of the five slots reserved for them by the 2016 Liberation Day committee. At least 25 concessionaires—food and others—have signified their intention to join the carnival that opens on June 10.

The committee met Wednesday morning at the Saipan Mayor's Office conference room and also agreed to set the concession fee at $1,500, which will be applied to even vendors of food and non-food items.

New player Saipan Brewery has expressed interest of buying one of the five concessions, while the committee has yet to hear from Pacific Trading Co. MARPAC has already informed the committee that they won't be participating this year and would promote their products in a different way.

The five slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis and the committee is advising those interested to reserve their spot. The committee will no longer entertain other applicants once the five slots have been filled.

Liberation Day committee chair Chris Leon Guerrero added that they would give everyone the opportunity to apply before allowing a beer concessionaire to buy more than one slot.

The committee, like in the past, will only allow beer to be sold and no hard liquor. Beer sold will also be put into clear cups. The Northern Marianas Bartenders Association, if they would join, would follow the same rules and will also sell non-alcoholic beverages.

The committee has reserved five tents for the concessionaires with their area, called beer garden, away from the food and non-food items vendors.

Logistics committee chair Mac Chargualaf has also advised the beer concessionaires to see him at the Mayor's Office to discuss the tent size if they will be using their own. The tent size is 13X13 feet for each of the five beer concessionaires.

There are also at least 25 food and non-food items vendors who signified their intention to join while the rides are still under negotiations with those who are interested with the committee's main concern is the safety of the kids.

The committee has also asked several businesses to sponsor one of the 29 candidates for the Liberation Day Royal Court to help them with their fundraising activities. ***(Jon Perez)***

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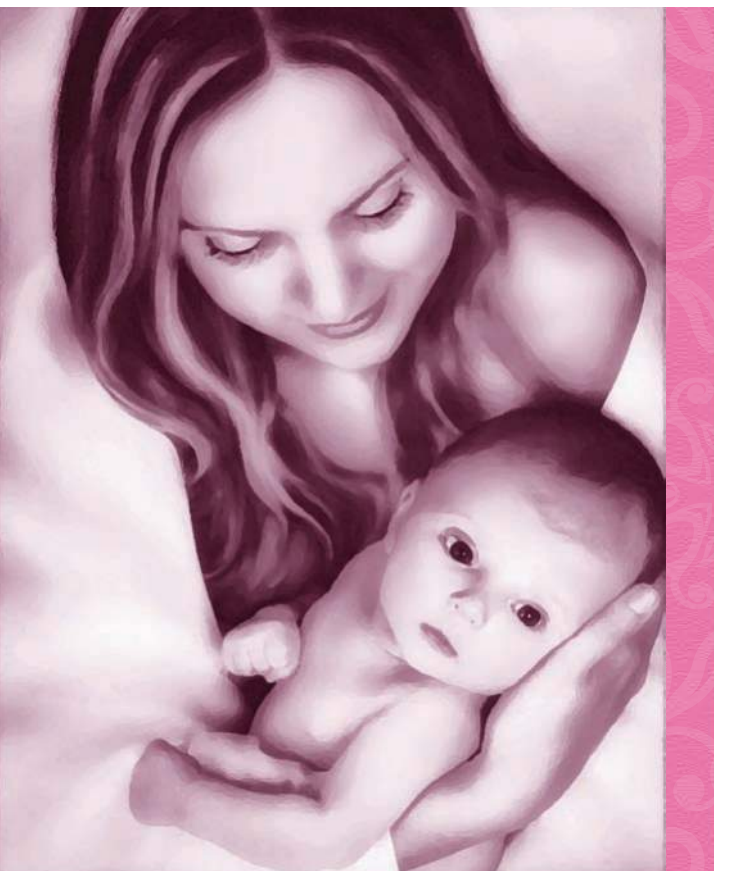

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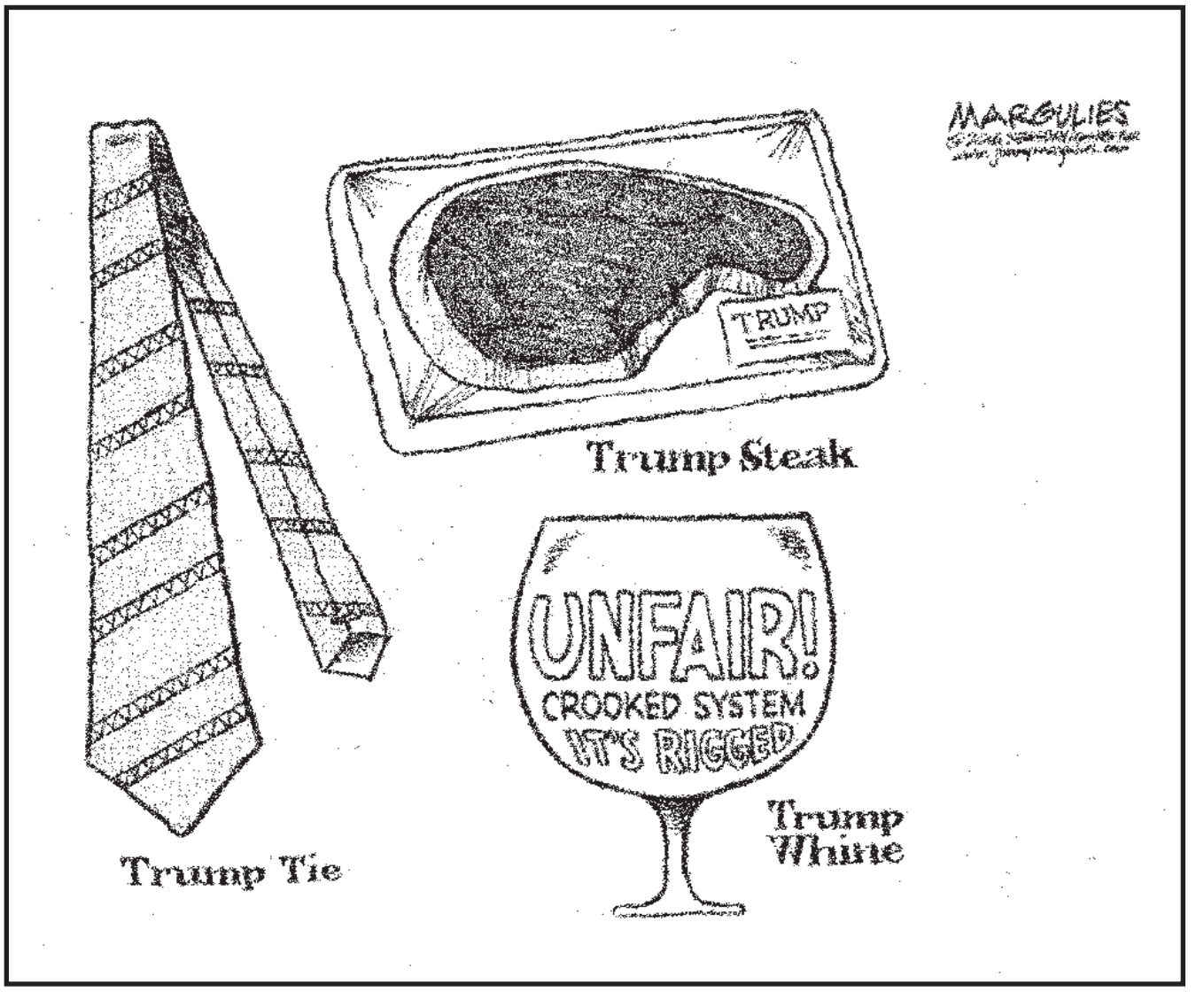

Catholics and women against Duterte

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No good Catholic or Christian or any decent individual—can in good conscience vote for or support a mass murderer presidential candidate who openly declares that extrajudicial killings is an inherent part of his platform—in the name of peace and order.

The international New York-based Human Rights Watch documents Duterte as one of the worst serial human rights violator who leads the Davao Death Squad.

It has also been revealed that he has millions in deposits in pesos and dollars in various bank accounts and vast real estate holdings in his name and his children's names. His salary as a mayor is only P78,000 pesos.

This monster from hell is a Pol Pot who will not hesitate to kill masses of people. Killing fields like in Cambodia—will be a common phenomenon if Duterte becomes President. He openly confesses to his involvement in killing over a thousand people.

He absolutely also shows no respect for women. He fantasizes about being first in line in gang raping a murdered beautiful Australian missionary. Before an audience with women present, he talks about molesting their housemaid and masturbating twice while doing so.

He also has openly announced his alliance with the communists showing much deference in his conference with Joma Sison, also a mass murderer—calling him "Sir" and would welcome him if Duterte becomes President. As obviously observed, many extreme left elements are actively campaigning for Duterte. The communists see a great opportunity for them to take over the government with this partnership. Like Hitler and his Nazi party, these godless amoral conspirators will not hesitate to murder political enemies in their quest for power.

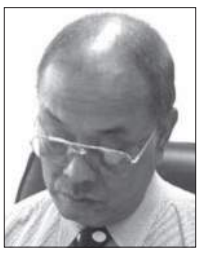
The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), Archbishop Ledesma, Archbishop Villegas and other Archbishops openly call on Catholics to apply their Catholic values based on the teachings of Christ and not to vote for Duterte and tell their relatives and friends to do the same. Priests and nuns are gathering together praying and telling their flocks not to vote for this demon.

In good faith, all well meaning people must come together. They owe it to God, to their fellowmen and to themselves—to prevent the darkness of a terribly evil ruler from falling upon our land. Please do your part and be on the side of what's right and good. Bravely face Duterte and the forces of evil. Four days left till Election Day. He cannot be allowed to be President.

This election is unquestionably about the fight between good versus evil.

Puerto Rico's fiscal crisis

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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It's of special interest how the U.S. Congress disposes of Puerto Rico's bankruptcy strapped by some $72 billion in deficit. It has gone on a three-week vacation and won't return until the first part of July. Meanwhile, Puerto Rico defaults on a $2 billion payment last week.

It's obvious Congress isn't ready to grant it a bailout, meaning an infusion of U.S. taxpayers' money. Some even quiz why extend the earned income tax credit and child tax credits when Puerto Rico isn't filing personal federal income tax returns.

Reading the arguments against a bailout, you localize it weighing annual revenues (there may be spikes but no gravy train either) versus the mountain of debts in our books. How far do we spend beyond our means?

It's the loose attitude on the real responsibility of self-government from mendicant elected officials that is most troubling. They simply never had the vision and depth to put together a fully thought-out economic plan to reboot growth. Spouting "self-government" seems sufficient that all is well. With a deficit of some $572 million and other ignored debts in the millions? Save some for that rainy day, e.g., a health crisis or need for toilet tissues in public schools!

Disposition of an increase of some $33 million in revenue for the impending fiscal year warrants cautious spending of scarce financial resources. The NMI's obligations are way beyond what's accruing to the local coffer. No wiggle room for wasteful spending!

It's important to note though the parallel action taken by the U.S. Congress versus Puerto Rico and the NMI. It killed the pharmaceutical and medical equipment industries in Caribbean territory and the apparel industry here. Both were shackled and in serious fiscal straits since. It brings into focus national policy that trashes tiny economic success in territories in favor of its backyard industries supported by labor unions.

The deficit of $572 million plus $779 million the NMI owes the retirement program should jolt the senses of the elected elite on the hill! To dig a bigger and wider hole that kills opportunities is to force the evacuation of our people to Guam and the U.S. mainland.

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The NMDism Syndrome: The ideology (NMDism) surfaced in the flea market of ideas that stirred lively views from both sides of the spectrum. It found some agreeing, others disagreeing, still others, indifferent.

Understandably, it's a difficult issue to unravel in a single discussion. It deals with identify, landownership, a way of life, self-rule amidst the powerful hands and influence of imperialism, among others.

The issue splits the community between status quo and nationalists. The former prefers the present arrangement based on the supreme law of the land (founding principles under our national constitution) while the latter wants greater self-rule as permanent hosts. It's neo-colonialism versus indigenous rights.

It's tough navigating either side. One leads to the eventual loss of local identity under the greater American community; the other a perceptual gain piled with layers of complexity.

There's truth to the old maxim, "Information is power." In Guam, as more people learn of the essence of independence that promotes "passion for the truth" the more folks enlist supporting it as a political option. It's a matter of decolonizing the mind focusing on the self. In brief, why perpetuate learning the English experience in the history of the world that eliminates our very own?

Indeed, the indigenous people now question the base versus the periphery of their fate trying to make sense of its destiny. We know that our heritage served as the foundation of our birth and existence for centuries. It's an amalgam of failure by colonial powers to inflict cultural genocide. We're still here and we're preparing to forge a meaningful future as permanent hosts of these isles.

Nationalists would have to resolve island nation building by answering fundamental questions like defense of the NMI, currency system, transportation, healthcare, official language, and education, among others. No easy feat when we meet reality check.

At the sophomoric level, we spout of self-government yet negligence has led the NMI into a $572 million deficit discounting the $779 million it owes the retirement fund in employer's con-

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Listeria outbreak prompts frozen food recall: Check your freezers for affected products

CONSUMER CORNER

By TERESITA J. SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Concern about listeria contamination has prompted a massive recall of frozen fruits and vegetables. After tracking the spread of eight cases of listeria infections, the U.S. Center for Disease Control identified frozen fruits and vegetables processed by CRF Frozen Foods in Pasco, Washington as the likely cause. In response, CRF Frozen Foods issued a voluntary recall of over 300 frozen fruits and vegetables that may contain the listeria bacterium.

Some of the recalled products (such as Organic by Nature vegetables) are sold here in the Commonwealth. Consumers and businesses alike should check their freezers for affected products. A full list of the recalled items are available at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm498841.htm. You will need to compare the UPC code and best-by dates on the package to determine if your frozen produce falls within the recall. To avoid risk of an infection, do not consume produce affected by the recall—simply dispose of the items or return them to the store.

You're probably wondering—what is listeria? It is a foodborne pathogen that can be particularly lethal if it makes its way into the bloodstream. Most healthy immune systems can fend off an infection, but older adults, pregnant women, newborns, and others with weakened immune systems are more vulnerable to an infection. Symptoms of a listeriosis infection include fever and muscle aches, and sometimes gastrointestinal problems. If you've consumed recalled products and experience these symptoms, the CDC recommends that you consider seeking medical care. For more information about listeria and listeriosis, visit CDC's website: http://www.cdc.gov/listeria.

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CNMI scholars see success

By ED STEPHENS JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Ten students from Saipan, and one student from Tinian, have been selected as 2016 Gates Millennium Scholars. This news comes from a Gates Millennium Scholars Program press release posted at GMSP.org.

Only 1,000 such scholars are selected annually. It is a competitive process. The CNMI has punched far above its weight here. Kagman High School, in particular, has been a superstar, with six Gates Millennium Scholars to its credit this year.

Gates Millennium Scholars receive large and substantial scholarships. Depending on the specifics, the scholarships pay not only for an entire bachelors degree, but can also fund studies up to the Ph.D. level in certain fields. Which is to say, this is a really big deal. And it's rooted in really big generosity. The scholarship fund was established with a $1.6-billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Here are the names of the CNMI's 2016 Gates Millennium Scholars, as listed in the press release:

- Cassey Babauta, Kagman High School
- Elizabeth Basa, Kagman High School
- Josepha Cabrera Kagman High School
- Victor Juan Castro, Kagman High School
- Nimei George, Kagman High School
- Karen Laoyan, Kagman High School
- Thomas Manglona, Mount Carmel School
- Eliezha Mendoza, Saipan Southern High School
- Odorico San Nicolas, Tinian Junior/Senior High
- Roselyn Tanghal, Marianas High School
- Mary Grace Tiglao, Marianas High School

A goal of this scholarship program, according to GMSP.org, is "Reducing financial barriers for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with high academic and leadership promise who have significant financial need."

Toward this end, over $934 million in scholarships have been awarded so far.

To say that this is a life-changing event for some of the CNMI's most capable and deserving students would be an understatement.

It's easy to get priced out of college. A student from the CNMI who is looking at a top-name U.S. university is facing tuition around $40,000 to $50,000 a year, even more in some cases, and only slightly less in others.

I have a list of 10 universities that I consulted for these costs. Instead of getting bogged down in arguments about which schools do, or don't, deserve to be on the list, I'll just share that range of costs and leave it at that. After all, I'm just a guy in a beach chair. I'm not an academic referee.

Moving right along here, tuition isn't the end of the story, it's just the beginning. Just for the sake of ballpark thinking, we can contemplate a minimal budget of $24,000 a year for a student's living expenses, books, and such. I doubt that would leave much, if any, wiggle room for vacations, contingencies, or a car.

Once the numbers are added up, if we're talking paying full price at a big-brand place, the total cost of a four-year university stint can be around the $300,000 mark.

Of course, in many cases, various types of financial aid can pare this down. Stanford University, for example, will waive tuition entirely for students from families that make under $125,000 a year. But, on the other hand, students might get a cooler reception from the top public universities. For instance, for the academic year just closing, U.C. Berkeley tuition is said to be $38,139 for nonresidents vs. $13,431 for residents of California. Yikes, that's a big difference. Furthermore, at least in California's case, state aid and grants to nonresident students can be very sparse; not a great situation for someone from the CNMI.

Anyway, no matter what the specific numbers are, college has, overall, become notoriously expensive. This puts many in Saipan, and elsewhere, in a tough spot. So it's nice to see some good news on this front, at least as it pertains to 11 scholars in the CNMI.

Our Gates Millennium Scholars are facing the future with blessings that are as big as their dreams.

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tribution. Could we begin here so we put some teeth behind our spout on self-government?

Don't repeat history: It was last year when I overheard parents complaining about the lack of toilet tissue in schools. So kids had to place a whole roll in their school bags for their use. It isn't PSS's fault as much as a tale of the lack of funds in the local coffers. Let's not repeat history!

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Patients admitted at CHC must also bring additional bed sheets and pillow from home for their use. Not CHC's fault either! Did someone say the "solutions driven" team is near the hospital? Please, don't repeat this humiliating history!

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Shortsighted: Legislators decided to kill the free enterprise system approving taxes on anything that is sweet. Like Reagan once chimed, "If it moves tax it. If it keeps moving regulate it." What about manufactured salt and all meat and canned meat products loaded with fat?

Other than sugar, did you know that at some point red blood cells go fasting in the consumption of insulin or natural sugar? It triggers diabetes! It has nothing to do with sweeteners and refined sugar. Shouldn't this be a part of the critical review process?

We love "finadeni" using soy sauce, refined salt, aji-nomoto, lemon, and vinegar, among others. Why weren't these items taxed too? Canned goods have been ruled unhealthy so why weren't they included in the tax scheme? White rice is really fattening but wasn't taxed. You only increased taxes on things consumers would buy anyway! Kabesa?

The sugar tax is the net result of hasty policymaking tantamount to what someone dubbed a "feast of incoherence!" When would policymakers descend into in-depth study on this and other issues of substance beyond adolescent provincial wild swings?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A question of ethics and trust

Ethics has trumpeted the virtue of Mr. Ralph DLG Torres' reflection to a recent situation highlighting a wrong committed by a high ranking appointed official in law enforcement who was trusted to enforce the laws, and serve and protect the people. Trusts expressed by Mr. Victor Hocog in a recent speech extolling the virtue of avoiding a wrong to newly deputized cadets entering our law enforcement jurisdictions surprised many of us like a deer caught in headlights. It seems that our politicians in the governor's office are hedging the truth of ethics and trusts producing valuable yields from the principals invested for all CNMI people, and these are not flukes of our father and prince of our castle. Mr. Ralph Torres as the father of ethics and trusts, and Mr. Victor Hocog as the prince of trust and ethics, the foundation of our Commonwealth is a Castle built on trust and ethics. Hence, our father and prince must keep the trust and observe ethics so that their subjects follow by examples to enjoy what is right and dismiss what is wrong. If our father and prince of the castle see these principles as truth, then as a people our castle is secured, this then is not an illusion.

It is a moral norm to refuse engaging in or supporting unethical vices, nurturing untrustworthy dealings held in secrecy and disregard to the transparency of the transactions that ignored a public policy's intended purpose. If the father and prince of the governor's office express a discourse that offend its subjects, we have a moral obligation to charge the public policy in that the public discourse enters into a public audit. By "public audit" I am referring to a process of "hearing of accounts." Audit comes from the Latin word, «audio» meaning to hear.

If morality of trust and ethics is the cornerstone of a good government in the father and prince of our Commonwealth, these principles did not trigger themselves by accident because the head of the Department of Public Safety committed an unethical act that wronged the CNMI people, and the trust could not stand as a ready made societal norm that the newly deputized cadets have yet to perfect in their line of duties. Mr. Ralph DLG Torres and Mr. Victor Hocog are subjects to ethics and trust principles as elected officials before they robbed the will of the CNMI people before they assumed their illegitimate take over of power of the governor's office. They violated the mandate of Article III, Section 7 of the CNMI Constitution. Was there trust or ethics when these politicians in the governor's office joined the elected AG's false and irresponsible opinion that gave them a right to take over the power of the governor of this Commonwealth? Is this what Mr. Ralph DLG Torres was referring as "trial and error" governing? In the old days, thieves robbed by the cover of darkness. In our government today, thieves thrive as robbers by the stroke of a pen.

In John: 16-13, we are reminded, "...the spirit of the truth, he will guide you to all truth." Is trust to Victor Hocog and ethics to Ralph Torres speak of the truth? Or, is this their way of rhetoric of liar and lying?

No one argues that four for $10, two for $5 are different, but by moral norms of ethics and trust is the same. Did the elected AG and the politicians in the Governor's Office frame the question to favor their actions when Article III, Section 7 of the CNMI Constitution crossed their ethics and trust moments? So, what ethics and trust did Mr. Ralph Torres and Mr. Victor Hocog apply before robbing the CNMI people of their will under Article III, Section 7 of the CNMI Constitution?

Francisco R. Agulto
Kanat Tabla

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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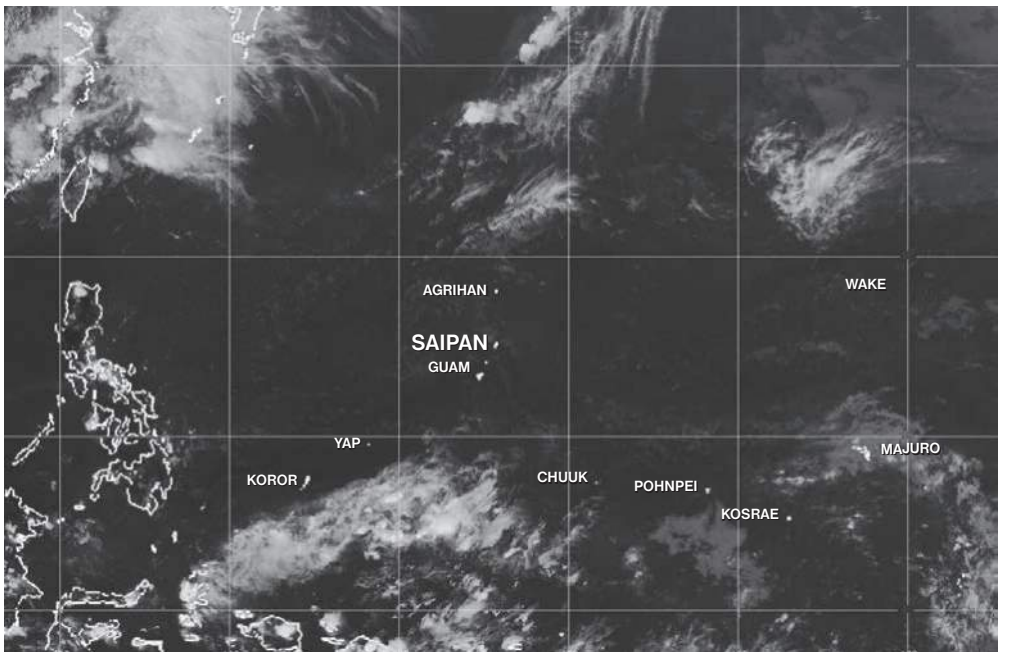

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front stretches southwestward from 25N140E to about 22N133E. Cloudiness and patchy rain are along and up to 50 miles northwest of the front. A shear line just north of Wake Island extends southwestward through 24N180 to end near 20N163E. Cloudiness and patchy rain are along and up to 250 miles northwest of this boundary. Also, scattered showers and a few thunderstorms far northeast of the Marianas are in a small area within 40 miles of a line from 21N154E to 19N156E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from south of Koror and southeast of Yap to southwest of Chuuk in patchy areas south of a line from 4N130E to 9N145E to 4N150E farther east. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are near Majuro within 60 miles of a line from 9N166E to 6N173E. A trade-wind disturbance east of Tarawa centered at about 2N176E is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of 6N from 173E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲92	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

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Beijing	Sunny	▲77	▼51
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲84	▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼54
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲66	▼54
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲97	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼53
Miami	Sunny	▲86	▼65
New York	Cloudy	▲57	▼51
Osaka	Rain	▲68	▼63
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼55
Pusan	Rain	▲71	▼53
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼55
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲72	▼50
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲64	▼52
Seoul	Showers	▲65	▼48
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲72	▼62
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲58	▼51

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1:54 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
7:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
8:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

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UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

OZ1077	4:40am	7:10am	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ1157	4:00am	6:40am	1, 4

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
OZ1078	9:25pm	1:45am+1	Daily

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ1167	9:55pm	2:20am+1	3, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

A young police officer saved my friend's life

By JIM RAYPHAND
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jim Rayphand is the executive director of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc.

A young police officer called me this past Saturday morning (I did not seek permission to use actual names for this piece, so for the moment they'll remain anonymous). Apparently, he was going down the list of contacts in my friend's phone and I happen to be the second number on the list.

"This is officer [Young Buck]. Do you know a Mr. [Older White Male]?" he asked.

"Yes. I know [Older White Male]," I answered. "Is everything ok?"

"Well, I pulled him over and we're on the side of the road (here in San Vicente), but I can't seem to understand what he's saying. Is there any way you or someone can come over and help? I think maybe he has some kind of sugar issue?"

"Yes!" I said emphatically. "He has severe issues with drops in his sugar levels where he will actually pass out, if he doesn't induce sugar immediately. I'm only a mile away and he lives right around the corner from there…I'll be right there," I said.

I pulled up behind the police vehicle and found the officer standing by the driver's side of [Older White Male's] car trying to talk to him. And, sitting in the driver's seat was [Older White Male].

"I don't know what the [expletive] is going on here!? Can you just take me to my [expletive] car?" he rambled out from behind the steering wheel of his own car. "I'm just trying to get home! Just take me to my [expletive] car!"

"You are in your car, Buddy," I answered.

Officer [Young Buck] told me, "I pulled him over because he ran the red light and was driving down the middle of the center lane."

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Over the course of the several years that I had known [Older White Male] I witnessed him pass out several times from his low sugar—literally talking one minute and a second later face first on the ground beneath him. Scary to say the least, but something our general circle of friends have become accustomed to and know that we need to shove chocolate bars and anything high in sugar into his mouth to revive him. I had heard of him becoming disoriented and, in fact, belligerent at times due to a downward spiral in his sugar levels, but Saturday was the first time I would see it firsthand.

By all indications, I would have guessed he was plastered drunk. And, let's just say there was sufficient evidence to suggest that Saturday's stop was a drunk driving issue—not the least of which included slurred speech (with a sailor's mouth no less), belligerent disorientation and a wobbly gait (once I was able to talk him out of his car).

And yet somehow, the [Young Buck] Officer thought well enough to reach out to his contacts and investigate further before dragging him out of the car and tossing him in the back of his cruiser. Honestly, it takes a special kind of mannerism to field the kind of belligerence being displayed by [Older White Male] on that morning without resorting to physical tactics to remove him from the car and off the side of the road. We all know the types of sad stories that come from meathead cops not being able to keep their cool—the [Young Buck] cop in this case kept his cool and, in my humble opinion, saved a man's life.

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[Older White Male's] wife was working in the yard outside their house when I pulled into the driveway.

"I think your husband is having another low sugar episode," I told her.

We helped him into his house where the wife essentially force-fed him Reese's Peanut Butter cups and made him drink several cups of orange juice along with some other thick syrup (I assume loaded with sugar).

"I just need to get home," he said.

"You are home, Buddy," I responded several times over.

"Well, can I at least sit

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Guam contractor pays $367K in OT back wages, damages

The U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division investigators found that G.C. Gozum Construction paid employees straight time rates for overtime hours worked, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The employer also failed to record and pay employees for any time worked before or after their scheduled shifts.

G.C. Gozum Construction admitted to the violations found. The employer has paid $183,683 in overtime backwages and an equal, additional amount in damages to 158 of its employees.

"Paying overtime when employees work more than 40 hours in a week is not a choice, it is a legal obligation," said Terence Trotter, director of the Wage and Hour Division's district office in Honolulu. "Just as there are building standards for the construction of residential and commercial structures, there are also baseline pay standards for the workers who provide those services. The back wages and damages paid in this case should send a strong message to other contractors shorting their employees. The Wage and Hour Division is committed to making sure that workers are paid every penny they have rightfully earned."

The FLSA requires that covered, non-exempt employees be paid at least the federal minimum wage for Guam of $7.25 per hour for all hours worked, plus time and one-half their regular rates, including commissions, bonuses and incentive pay for hours worked beyond 40 per week. Employers also must maintain accurate time and payroll records, and are prohibited from retaliating against workers who exercise their rights under the law.

For more information about federal wage laws administered by the Wage and Hour Division, or to file a complaint, call the agency's toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). All services are free and confidential. Information also is available at http://www.dol.gov/whd. ***(PR)***

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down!?"

"You are sitting down, Buddy…just keep drinking your juice," I said.

"I don't know what [expletive] is going on here!?"

"I know. Just eat your chocolate," I kept saying.

So went the discussion for what amounted to somewhere between 10 to 15 minutes. And then suddenly (as if a switch went off in his head), "Jim. I'm sorry man. How did I get here?"

His wife asked him to read the clock on the wall and he said, "10 minutes to 12" which in fact was the correct time. He was back.

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The alternative scenario could have been that the [Young Buck] cop assumed he was drunk, dragged him out of the car, cuffed him (presumably face down on the ground), shoved him into the back of his car and took him in for booking. I'm no medical expert, but I have doubt my friend would have passed out and likely slipped into a coma or worse crossed over to the other side on his way to the station. For emphasis, I believe the [Young Buck] cop in this case saved my friend's life this past weekend.

Perhaps, it was due to good training, but I'd like to think that it was due to a good upbringing—an islander upbringing where our elders get the benefit of the doubt and our instinct is to help first.

Ultimately, the young man exercised his police discretion and, in this case, got it absolutely correct.

The truth is that sometimes disabilities manifest themselves in ways that take on the appearance of something else…more often than not, as something less than desirable. I don't think anyone could have blamed this young police officer if he had arrested my friend, so on behalf of a grateful circle of friends and all of the people living with the various types of often misunderstood disabilities in our community, I thank you, young man, for choosing the less restrictive alternative. You have done yourself, your profession, the Department of Public Safety and our islands very proud.

For more on the rights and needs of people with disabilities, please contact the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) at (670) 23507273/4 [tel.] or 235-7275 [fax/tty] or on-line at www.nmpasi.org.

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Solar energy the changing of the energy industry

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Phil Yorio is the general manager of Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc.-CNMI.

By PHIL YORIO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Oil was discovered close to where I grew up in Oil Creek Pennsylvania in 1859, but it was the Spindletop oil geyser that blew oil out its derrick in Texas 1901 that changed the world forever and with it an industry was born. The United States changed rapidly over the next 20 years changing its fuel source from wood to coal and eventually oil for energy purposes. In 1885 coal surpassed wood as the primary source of energy and for the next 75 years' coal was king, but with the boom of the automobile makers like Henry Ford and the Dodge brothers and the break out of World War II, finally in 1945 oil was the No. 1 source for energy. Between 1945 and 1950 automobiles on the road in the U.S. increased by nearly 60 percent. With a run of almost 120 years this industry has reached its peak point and will decline and cease to exist over the next 35 years. With an industry that the world has relied on for all these years it is hard to imagine a world without oil but that is what is coming. This commodity that wars have been fought over, men have toiled night and day to find it, building technology and revamping this equipment every 10 years with newer and faster machinery to get it out of the ground, process it, shipping it all over the world will cease to exist in 35 years, this is not only amazing but almost unthinkable.

Mark Jacobson a professor at Stamford University has put out some very interesting articles on how the United States can be 100 percent renewable by 2050. He has actually laid out an energy plan for all of the 50 states on how to do so. With the battery storage technology advancements this is achievable. Solar energy, hydro, wind, nuclear, and biomass along with energy storage will replace all the fossil fuels, coal, oil, and even gasoline for the transportation industry.

This could not come fast enough, with climate change, third world countries with a young demographic coming online and the population of the world increasing 30 percent over the next 30 years we need fossil fuel to go away. We as the human race, the race that is supposed to be the guardians of this precious planet are killing it. The ice caps are melting, the oceans are dying and island nations like Kiribati are disappearing. The community of Kiribati where people have existed for the last 5,000 will disappear by 2025, they have already started an evacuation plan, sad but true.

We as an island nation have relied on this fuel for the last 100 years and have been plagued by the ever increasing costs of fuel volatility, pollution, and maintenance costs to run these soon to be defunct power plants and exporting tons of cash to Singapore where these monies should have stayed on this island going back into the community, where its suppose to stay. Can you imagine how this will change the lives of our children and their children forever.

The true testament to not "will this happen but when" is that now the oil and gas industry are themselves investing in renewable energy projects. They are well aware that the end is coming so I guess it's the if-you-cannot-beat-them-join-them mentality and the renewable energy industry welcomes them with open arms.

I always like the quote by Victor Hugo: All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come.

The renewable energy industry's time has come.

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The CNMI Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises at Farallon De Mendinilla and Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam. The schedule dates and time are as followed:

■ May 9, 2016	2:30pm-5:30pm	FDM	69 EBS military training
■ May 10, 2016	12:30pm-3:30pm	FDM	69 EBS military training
■ May 12-13, 2016	12pm-3pm	FDM	69 EBS military training
■ May 9, 2016	2:30pm-5:30pm	W-517	69 EBS military training
■ May 10, 2016	12:pm- 3:30pm	W-517	69 EBS military training

The general location of this activity will be at Farallon De Mendinilla on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants and at Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam comprising southwest into International waters.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres is strongly advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operations Center-Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

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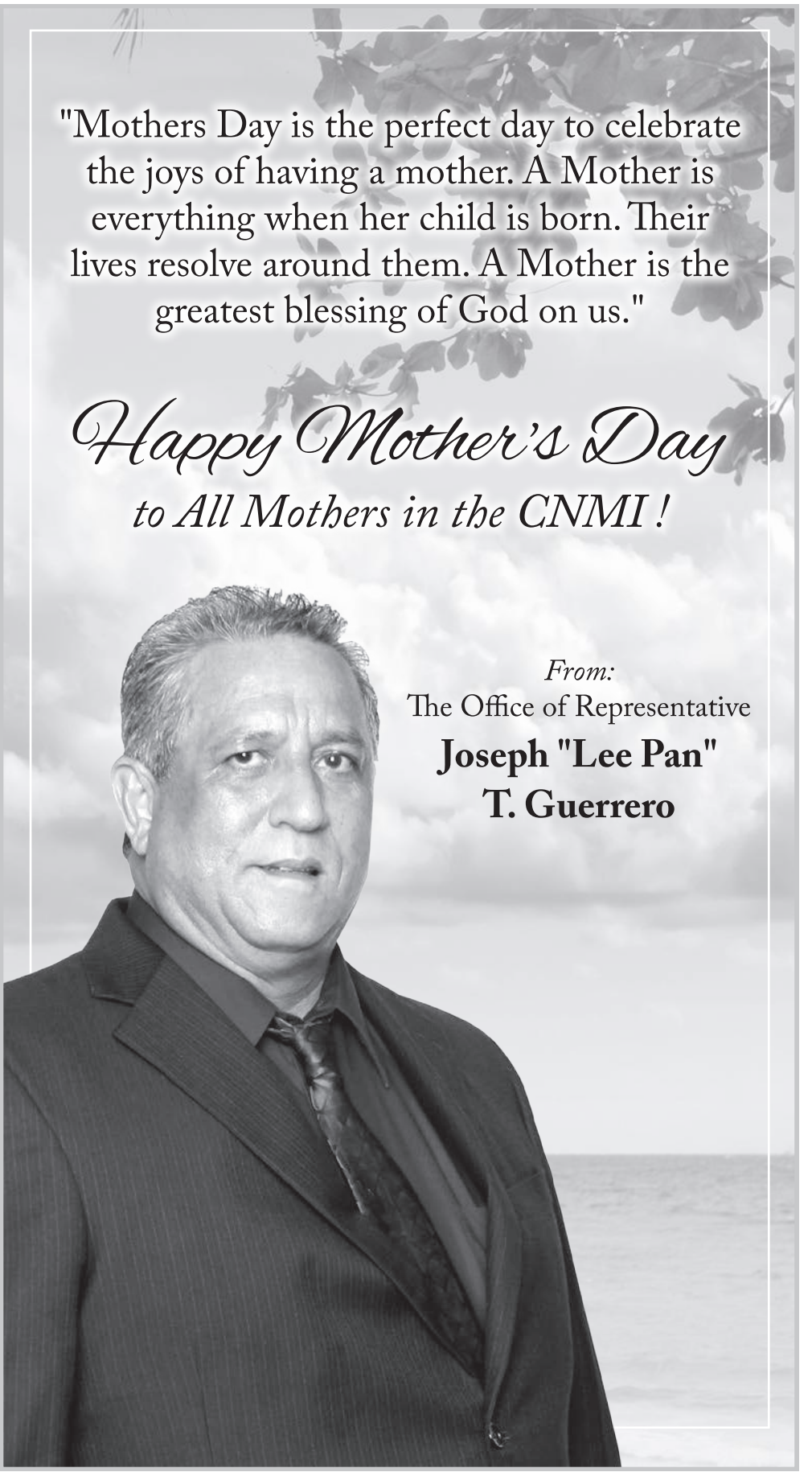
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Hot Dog MMAC Fundraiser a success

In partnership with Five Star Wholesale, Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs, and Triple J Saipan, Inc., the MMAC Hot Dog Fundraiser was a great success, selling out of hot dogs at around 1pm last April 30.

Satisfied customers received a foot-long hot dog and bottle of water for $4. All proceeds from sales will go toward Triple J's donation to this year's Marianas March Against Cancer.

"We had a great turn out," Jay Santos, GM of Five Star Wholesale stated, "one proud mom even bought hot dogs for the entire Ol'Aces team for a job well done." Triple J will participate in this year's MMAC 12-hour marathon event as team 3J For Life, with fundraiser events occurring throughout the months of April and May.

As team participants, Triple J will be selling bento meals of Tony Roma's famous ribs, corn, coleslaw and rice for $5 from 5pm to 10pm on May 13 at the MMAC marathon event. Other Triple J fundraising events include, $1 donation for every ice tea sold at all Triple J-affiliated restaurants, $50 donation for every car sold at Triple J Motors Saipan and $5 donation for every car contract opened at Hertz Rent-a-Car. All fundraising proceeds go toward making the CNMI cancer free. ***(PR)***

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Five Star Wholesale general manager Jay Santos, second from right, poses with staff during last Saturday's MMAC Hot Dog Fundraiser at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Triple J supports higher educational opportunities in Commonwealth

Northern Marianas College's 13th Annual Foundation Opening was a great success. The event was held on Saturday, April 30, with over 90 participants raising $60,000 for Typhoon Soudelor repairs, as well as improving secondary education programs. Triple J Motors provided the hole-in-one prize of a brand new, 2016 Mazda 3 Hatchback, and Sandy Beach Homes, a Triple J real estate affiliate, donated $2,500 to the opening.

"NMC would like to thank our sponsors, volunteers, and players for their help in making the 13th Annual Golf Open a major success. We would also like to thank the helpful staff at Laolao for always providing a world-class venue for golf, and Mr. Ben Babauta who continues to volunteer his time and services to help ensure the event runs smoothly every year," said James Glenn, executive director of NMC stated after the event.

On Aug. 4, 2015, Typhoon Soudelor devastated the college, the only (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) accredited school in the CNMI, causing millions of dollars in damage. "We are proud to help NMC recover from Soudelor. We want to provide amazing opportunities to our youth and education is the first step to a successful career," Sophie Dela Cruz, manager of Sandy Beach Homes, remarked.

With many upcoming project launches, Triple J is dedicated to providing educational opportunities in order to keep professionals on island and fulfill a quickly growing need for a skilled workforce. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NOTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: May 06, 2016

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the proposed issuance of a general NPDES permit for stormwater discharges from construction activities. U.S. EPA's current Construction General Permit became effective on February 16, 2012, and will expire on February 16, 2017. Once finalized, the draft CGP will replace the 2012 CGP.

The public comment period for the proposed permit ends on May 26, 2016. Additional information is available at: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#cgp2017

U.S. EPA's federal consistency determination request and supplemental information can be viewed here: http://ow.ly/4nrs7P Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at erinderrington@becq.gov.mp. Comments regarding the substance of the proposed permit itself may be submitted at www.regulations.gov under docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2015-0828. A final permit will be issued prior to expiration of the current CGP.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on May 06, 2016 and ending on May 23, 2016 in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies and still allow DCRM to issue its concurrence or objection within the sixty (60) day response period. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

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6:10 p.m.	CNMI Festival of Pacific Arts (FESTPAC) Band
7:00 p.m.	FESTPAC Northern and Southern Carolinian Women's Dance
7:30 p.m.	FESTPAC Talabwog Men's Stick Dance
8:00 p.m.	FESTPAC Chamorro/Southern Warriors Contemporary Show
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This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 14 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation

Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the My Marianas feature of the Marianas Variety.

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. Tourism Trivia will air regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (97.5 FM), KZMI (103.9 FM), KWAW (100.3 FM), and KKMP (1440 AM and 92.1 FM).

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Hopwood hosts PTSA Family Fun Night

Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Jr. High School celebrated the Inaugural PTSA Family Fun Night Fundraising event last April 29.

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Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Jr. High School crowned its Mr. and Mrs. Hilitai last April 29 during the school's Inaugural PTSA Family Fundraising event.

The first Mr. and Mrs. Hilitai candidates were officially crowned. HJHS principal Jonas M. Barcinas and HJHS PTSA president Elizabeth P. Olouachel congratulated and welcomed the royal court and candidates' parents and families, PTSA officers for their leadership, teachers and staff, for their team effort, committee members, vendors participants, and all the sponsors that have made this year's event possible.

He shared the success of this year's PTSA Family Fun Night Festivity and Mr & Miss Hilitai Raffle Ticket fundraising activity.

Barcinas stressed and thanked the hard work of the candidates and their parents for going out of their way to sale their raffle tickets because truly want to help the school with its urgent needs such as emergency repairs and maintenance, student and staff's incentives, supplies, and materials that the local funds is unable to provide.

Barcinas also thanked all of the community for helping the school with its raffle ticket sales as well as the Department of Public Safety and Department of Emergency and Medical Services staff for providing public safety for all those that were at the event.

To add to this memorable event, the HDMP band and dance crew's performance included liveliness that night. Vendors were everywhere, the aroma of food filled the air, games were being played, and it really made people feel rejuvenated that night. Many activities added fun into this event. Games like Spin the Wheel, Prize Pong, and basketball were being played simultaneously throughout the event. The candidates all sat down in an organized manner with fancy attire and decorations while awaiting the coronation of Mr. and Mrs. Hilitai.

While people waited for this important moment, many Hopwood clubs were out with their booths hoping to make people have fun with their activities. Clubs such as: NJHS, STUCO, MyWave, YAP, and Campus Police were supporting this event. NJHS had Spin the Wheel, STUCO had face painting, MyWave had water balloon toss, YAP had Prize Pong, and Campus Police were patrolling the campus to ensure the safety of the people.

According to the Hopwood Junior High School staff, Family Fun Night was a successful event. Many students enjoyed the Family Fun Night with their friends, families, and teachers. This is a very important event to all of the participants because they get to be together, have fun, and just be free for once. With many smiles on people's faces, the HJHS Family Fun Night was a successful way for students, parents, and staff to have a well-deserved break. ***(PR)***

Guam vets get chance to tell their story to stateside audience

A resolution by Senator Rory J. Respicio called attention to Guam visitors Todd and Roxanne Bruce of Riverside, California, who became aware of Guam's high level of military service to the United States and the island's subsequent large population of veterans and their post-service problems.

Thanks to an innovative program sponsored by Ms. Bruce's employer, the architectural firm Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke Architects Planners, the couple decided to visit Guam to interview and document the unusually large number of U.S. vets here and their issues to present to colleague and audiences back in California. Senator Rory J. Respicio's resolution, which was co-sponsored by Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, was presented to them last Friday in his office.

For more information, please contact Senator Respicio's office at 472-7679. ***(PR)***

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TakeCare Insurance Company, Inc. has voluntarily requested this survey as a means of assisting its own efforts to improve the quality of health care and member services. The health plan's members, members of the general public, providers and staff members believing that they have pertinent and valid information about this health plan's compliance with AAAHC standards, may request an information presentation with AAAHC surveyors at the time of the survey for the purpose of presenting such information, or may communicate such information in writing or by telephone to the AAAHC. All pertinent information received from identified individuals at or before the survey will be considered in the accreditation decision process.

Requests for presentation must be received at least two weeks before the survey in order to allow sufficient time to schedule the presentations. Requests for public information presentations or reporting of pertinent and valid information may be communicated in writing or by telephone to AAAHC at the following address and telephone number:

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FHB reports $68.6M in 1Q

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii's largest bank announced net income of $68.6 million for first quarter ended March 31, 2016, a 21.4-percent increase over the comparable period of 2015.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, First Hawaiian Bank achieved the following over the prior year:

■ Total assets: $19.1 billion, up 1.9 percent.

■ Total deposits: $16.1 billion, an increase of 5.8 percent.

■ Total loans and leases: were a record $11.0 billion up 8.0 percent.

■ Non-performing assets to total assets: 0.08 percent, a decrease of 38.5 percent

■ Efficiency ratio: 41.52 percent

In the first quarter of 2016, First Hawaiian noted several accomplishments and milestones:

For the past five years in a row, Hawaii Business Magazine has recognized First Hawaiian Bank as one of Hawaii's Best Places to Work. This year, the bank also placed in the Top 3 in the large company category.

The First Hawaiian Bank's first quarter 2016 Business Activity Report (BAR) showed Hawaii credit and debit card same store sales volume were up by 5.35 percent with growth in 12 out of the 16 sectors. This was the 25th consecutive quarter of positive growth. Supermarkets, Shipping, Home Improvement and Utilities sectors all posted double digit gains for the first three months of 2016.

» **Loans gain 8 pct to achieve a record $11B**

First Hawaiian Bank (www.fhb.com) with $19.1 billion in total assets was founded in 1858 and is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas, a leading global financial services institution. ***(PR)***

Palau Sen. Oilouch to meet with Palauans in the CNMI

To all Palauans residing in the CNMI, Palau Senate Floor Leader Arnold Oilouch will be on Saipan and would like to meet all the Palauans on island this Saturday, May 7, 6pm at the Filcom Pavillion in Susupe. ***(PR)***

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MTEC, MVA visit 17 CNMI schools

The Marianas Tourism Education Council and Marianas Visitors Authority have wrapped up their annual school presentations, visiting 17 public schools with the message "tourism is everybody's business."

For the last five years in the CNMI public and private schools, MTEC chair Vicky Benavente has led the presentations along with representatives of the MVA's Community Projects Division.

"At first, the MTEC Education Outreach was focused on teaching the students the basics about our islands' tourism industry, such as who our visitors are, why they choose our islands for a vacation, and also how can they help asyoung members of the community," said Benavente.

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Students of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School answer questions on April 19, 2016, as part of the tourism presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council.

"Lately, the majority of students are more knowledgeable about their role, and more importantly, they are asking a lot of questions about what type of jobs are available in the hospitality and tourism industry. And given the challenges that we are facing with a limited labor pool in the NMI, this is a positive sign."

A number of industry professionals joined MTEC this year in the presentations, including project manager Kodep Ogumoro-Uledong of Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, Geri Dela Cruz of Best Sunshine International, Ltd., and Ponce Rasa of SUP Saipan.

"The MVA's partnership with MTEC goes back to the inception of the council in 2002, and we can all see the positives results of this partnership with a community that is better educated on tourism and more young people entering the industry workforce," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "The MVA looks forward to continuing this valuable collaboration as an important part of our community outreach."

MTEC's presentations to the schools included visitor demographics, the benefits of tourism, industry jobs, survey results, and ways students can help support tourism. Giveaways were provided by Pacific Islands Club Saipan, First Hawaiian Bank, Pew Foundation, and the MVA. Supporters of the MTEC's Education Outreach also include the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and DFS Galleria.

MTEC is a non-profit organization aimed at educating the public on the tourism industry and its importance to the community. MTEC is administered by a board of directors, including Concepcion (MVA), Jonas Barcinas and Naomi Nishimura (CNMI Public School System), Larry Lee (MTEC), James Nelson (Sorenson Media Broadcasting), Gordon Marciano (PDI), and Shamika Rattwate (Ernst & Young). ***(PR)***

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Students of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary won prizes for answering questions on April 19, 2016, as part of the tourism presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council and the Marianas Visitors Authority. Also pictured standing second from right is administrative assistant Liza Cruz from Pacific Islands Club Saipan, who donated waterpark passes as prizes for the outreach.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a special board meeting on **Friday, May 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held on the island of Rota, at **Room A-1, Rota Northern Marianas College.** The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
  1. February 27, 2016
  2. March 21, 22 and 28, 2016
- E. Correspondence

II. Public Comments**

III. Management Report
1. Executive Director
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Legal Counsel

IV. Executive Session***

V. Board Reports
- A. Personnel Committee
- B. Operations

VI. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business

VII. Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
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MOTHER'S DAY 2016

For the special woman in our lives

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Superwoman and Wonder Woman maybe fictional characters in comic books and movies, but this could describe how mothers are in our lives. She's an all-around lady, juggling a number of things but still finds time to be with her family.

She wears many hats—doctor, nurse, teacher, driver, gardener, cook, and counselor. These and more are the many jobs our moms do in out lives.

Below are just a few suggestions that we could give as a treat to our mom, nana, inay, mommy, nanay, inang, nanang, or okaasan this weekend:

Say it with flowers

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Design Florist has flowers that can be arranged in crystal or ceramic vases; or keep the fire of her devotion burning with religious figures that would remind her of her faith. They also sell native products and other gift items that you can give to your mom.

Design Florist is located at the Cabrera Center in Beach Road, Garapan. They are open from 8:30am to 6pm Mondays through Saturdays, and 9am to 12nn every Sunday. For more information, call 234-5593 or 235-8572

You could also buy flowers at New Paradise Florist and choose from three Mother's Day special arrangement promos.

Option A will have six fully bloomed roses with mini roses in a glass vase or you could try Option B-—toys, chocolate, and a Happy Mother's Day balloon and pick in a glass vase. A dozen roses, stuffed toys, chocolates, and HMD balloon and pick are for Option C.

They also have tulips, orchids, lucky bamboo, fruit and wine basket, gift basket, roses that comes in different pack-

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program is now accepting Vendor Application for Tinian Vendors only.

Interested vendors may pick up an application at the main office located on Upper Navy Hill Building #N-25 starting May 6, 2016 through May 20, 2016 (Monday to Friday) or request for an application via email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program office no later than 4:00 p.m., May 20, 2016.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4066, by email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org or by facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

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/s/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
WIC Program Administrator
CNMI WIC Program

MOTHER'S DAY

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aging, and HMD balloons either in mylar or latex.

New Paradise Florist's shop is in Middle Road in Gualo Rai across Shell Gas Station. For more information or orders, call 2339875 and look for Robert.

Give a gift

Buy your mom items and other thingamajigs from iShop, Triple J's Truckload Store direct Kmart, or at T Galleria.

Avail of the Mother's Day MAYMadness at iShop Pasdeo de Marianas where you can enjoy discounts up to 50 percent—some conditions and restrictions may apply—on May 7 and 8. Store hours are from 11am to 11pm.

Triple J's Truckload Store has tons of new stuff that just arrived—kitchenware, barbecue and picnic essentials, toys, electronics, and many more. Plus visit the store today and tomorrow and get a free raffle ticket for the Mother's Day Giveaway to win a three-piece living room set and other prizes. Raffle draw will be Saturday, May 7, and you may not be present to win.

Spoil your mom or wife with designer items at T Galleria in its All About Mom promo. Every $40 spent—on Saturday and Sunday—in buying special Mother's Day gifts and you will get an entry form to get a chance to win $1,000 worth of shopping spree. Winners will be notified on May 11, Wednesday.

Food trip

You could choose from a wide variety of restaurants that are having Mother's Day specials on Sunday. World Resort's The Buffet World, Laolao Bay & Golf Resort's The Grill, Kanoa Resort's Isla Café, and Fiesta's World Café are some.

Treat her to brunch at the Buffet World—from 11am to 2pm—with unlimited beverages, raffle prizes, and live entertainment. Moms will get a free gift. For more information or reservations, call 233-5900 ext. 388.

The Grill at Laolao has a live one-man band for entertainment for its lunch buffet where kids from 4 to 11 years old get a free pool pass. They also have an Evening with Mom promo where, aside from the mini buffet, one can choose either a sizzling Angus Rib-Eye Steak Champignon or Lobster Thermidore as main entrée. For more information or reservations, call 236-8829/31 or email fhb@laolaobaygolf.com.

After church or worship services, celebrate the day and treat her to a delicious buffet meal at Isla Café at Kanoa Resort and get 20 percent local discount. One can also enjoy its bottomless alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. For reservations, call 234-6601 ext. 742/3.

Over at Fiesta's World Café, moms will get a special scarf aside from the live music from 11am to 2pm. For reservations, call 233-6414, 483-0462, or 234-7171 ext. 1548 or 1544.

CENTURY DONATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Century Tours president Seiji Sato, seventh from left, presents a $20,000 hole-in-one prize on May 4, 2016, for the 14th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament to be held on June 18, 2016. Also pictured are Tournament Committee members Das Krishnan, far left, and Franco Santos, third from left, Committee chair Paul Park, fifth from left, Century Tours operations manager Rain Bao, and other Century Tours staff members.

Funerals for closeted friends could be awkward for gay man

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay man in my early 60s. I have been fortunate to live pretty openly, despite being stuck in a small, conservative Southern town. Many guys I have gotten to know over the years are not so lucky, due to being married, afraid for their careers, etc. As a result, many of them lead double lives with their true orientation known only to other gays.

When one of these acquaintances passes away, should I attend the funeral services to pay my respects, even though I might not have known anyone else in the family? Or should I stay away to keep tongues from wagging and asking, "How did Sam know THAT GUY?"

CIRCUMSPECT IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CIRCUMSPECT: Not everyone who attends a funeral is an intimate friend of the deceased. Some of them are people who knew the person from a distance and admired what he or she accomplished in life. If you feel the need to go to the funeral, by all means do. But have an answer prepared in case you are asked questions because "How did you know Bob?" is a common and innocent one.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of months after moving in with my boyfriend, I have realized that his mattress is not a good fit for me. He says that it's 12 years old and it still has 10 to 15 years left in it.

Every day I wake up with an aching, stiff back. I have a job that keeps me standing all day, so my back pain is starting to affect my performance. I like living with him, but how can I get him to replace the mattress? It seems he has chosen the mattress over me, so I guess I'll start sleeping on the floor.

SLEEPY IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR SLEEPY: According to the website of one of the top mattress manufacturers, the average lifespan of a quality mattress is between eight and 10 years. Mattresses older than that can suffer from deteriorating comfort features and diminished support capabilities.

Many consumers wait too long to replace their mattresses. If you wake up in the morning not feeling refreshed and rejuvenated, or feeling pain or discomfort, then it's time to replace this one. So talk with your boyfriend again. If he's not willing to invest in a replacement, suggest buying a firm mattress topper or even splitting the cost for a new mattress.

A restful night's sleep is essential for good health. If you are unable to convince him, then you may have moved in with him too quickly.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

In Celebration of his new Life

Ernest Anthony Mangarero Sablan

April 15, 1952 – April 30, 2016

In his new life, he now joins his:

Parents: ***Ignacio M. Sablan & Maria M. Sablan***
Parents-In-Law: ***Vidal A. Camacho & Justa Q. Camacho***
Brother: ***Fredrick M. Sablan***
Brothers-In-Law: ***Joseph R. Concepcion & Herman S. Cruz***

His memory will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: ***Elizabeth C. Sablan***

Children & Grandchildren:

- ***Sonny Vidal*** & Belinda
  - Nicole/Maru, Sonny Vidal Jr., Annie Maria
- ***Eric Ignacio*** & Teresa
  - Vidal Jose, Aaliyah Victoria
- ***John Peter*** & Nicole
  - Ava Carmina, Naomi Therese
- ***Ernest Anthony Jr.***

Brothers, Sisters & their spouses:

- ***Drs. Oscar*** & Marcia Sablan
- ***Eleanor*** & †Herman Cruz
- ***Jeannette*** & Eleuterio Mesa
- ***Esther*** & Michael Fleming
- ***Felixberto*** & Cathy Sablan
- ***Louise C. Concepcion*** & William Ada & †Joseph R. Concepcion
- ***Herbert*** & Kelly Sablan
- ***Victoria*** & Brien Sers Nicholas
- ***Elizabeth*** & James Ada
- ***Agnes M. Sablan***
- ***Carlos M. Sablan*** & Michelle Maloney
- ***April*** & Glenn Camacho

Brothers- & Sisters-In-Law:

- ***Dr. Manuel*** & Magdalena Sablan
- ***Margaret S. McQuay***
- ***Rita Q. Camacho***
- ***Vicente*** & Erika Camacho
- ***George Q. Camacho*** & Lydia Sablan
- ***Juan*** & Luisa Camacho
- ***Ronald*** & Rosie Roberto
- ***Ellen Q. Camacho***
- ***Manuel Q. Camacho***
- ***Emerita Q. Camacho***

He will also be missed by numerous uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends

Daily Mass of Intention are being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church for the repose of his soul every morning at 6:00 am. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at Kristo Rai Church at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Our lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am. Responso Service and the Holy Rosary will take place upon the arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment Services at Chalan Kanoa cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please Join us in prayers

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Elizabeth Camacho Sablan, Children and Families

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WOW! THREE NEW MAGAZINES FOR ME TODAY.
YESTERDAY I GOT FIVE. I LOVE GETTING ALL THIS MAIL.
HOW COME YOU RECEIVE ALL THESE MAGAZINES?
I WENT TO THE LIBRARY AND FILLED OUT ALL THE SUBSCRIPTION CARDS THAT SAID "BILL ME LATER"

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

WHERE SHOULD WE GO ON OUR VACATION, GARFIELD?
THE KITCHEN!
I DON'T KNOW WHY I TALK TO YOU
WE CAN SET UP A TENT NEXT TO THE REFRIGERATOR

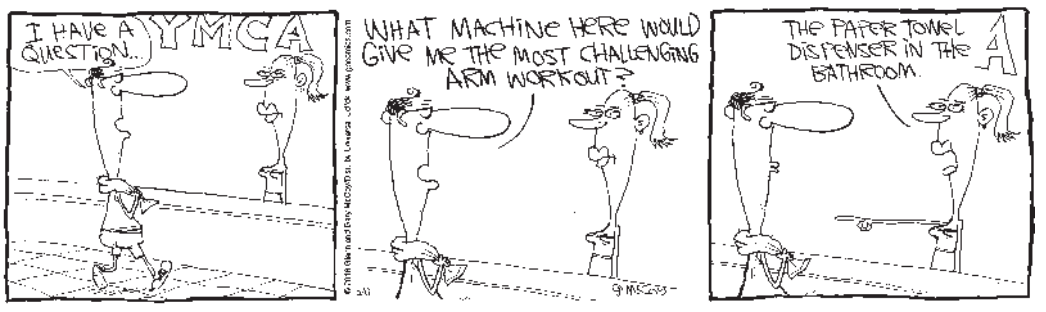
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

SOMEBODY'S PUBLISHING YOUR NOVEL?
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
WOW!
I...I'M SO PROUD OF YOU. SO INSPIRED AND FULL OF RESPECT AND...
YOU'RE STILL NOT GETTING A PONY.
STILL PROUD. BUT IT NEVER HURTS TO SWING FOR THE FENCES

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


I HAVE A QUESTION...
YMCA
WHAT MACHINE HERE WOULD GIVE ME THE MOST CHALLENGING ARM WORKOUT?
THE PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER IN THE BATHROOM.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Stolen
4 Cagers' gp.
7 Greedy kid's demand
12 AP rival
13 Unwell
14 Goof
15 Rule, for short
16 "Hush!"
18 Raw rock
19 Track great Jesse
20 Dealer's foe
22 Coffee vessel
23 Exile isle
27 Ref
29 Virgil epic
31 Savory taste
34 Seizes
35 Group of 12 signs
37 Past
38 One-named supermodel
39 Chick's mom
41 At hand
45 Zesty dip
47 "No seats"
48 "Hush!"
52 Summer sign
53 Strong adhesive
54 Favorite
55 Contented sound
56 "Divine Comedy" author
57 Triage ctrs.
58 1959 Kingston Trio hit

DOWN
1 A Great Lake
2 Puccini work
3 Striped cat
4 Boy, in Barcelona
5 Explode
6 Modify
7 Hair goops
8 Annoy
9 Hosp. scan
10 Calendar abbr.
11 Work unit
17 "The King and I" role
21 Curry spice
23 Noted 2001 bankruptcy
24 Meadow
25 Clothing protector
26 Billboards
28 Ms. Farrow
30 Silly Putty container
31 Submachine gun
32 Pop's mate
33 Oklahoma city
36 Sudan neighbor
37 Retort
40 Run off to marry
42 Imam's faith
43 "Terrific!"
44 Uproar
45 Eyelid woe
46 Picnic invaders
48 Proof letters
49 "— Lazy River"
50 Charged bit
51 Tel. number add-on

Solution time: 25 mins.

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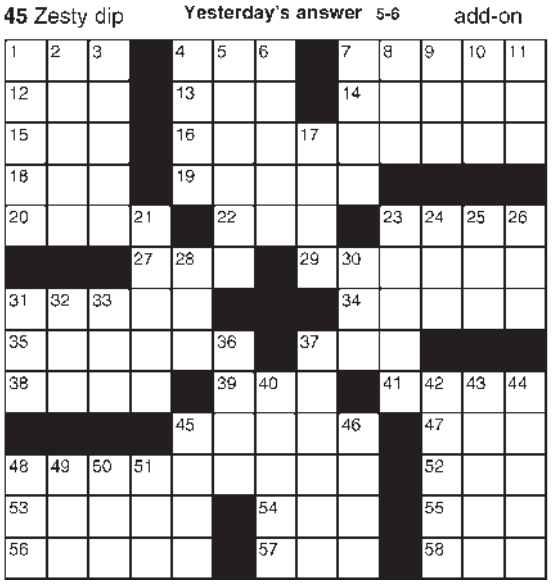
Yesterday's answer 5-6



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gabourey Sidibe, 33; George Clooney, 55; Tom Bergeron, 61; Willie Mays, 85.

Happy Birthday: Interaction, travel and picking up valuable information will help you turn the upcoming year into one filled with advancement and memories. Don't sit back when it's possible to participate and make a difference. Taking action is your ticket to a better life and position. Express your thoughts and follow through. Romance is highlighted. Your numbers are 7, 10, 21, 24, 31, 37, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone bully you into something you don't want to do. You'll learn a lot through observation and dealing with others. Don't give up or give in. Finish what you start. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take on a new project and live life the way you want to. Be brave and show off your talents. Recognition and advancement are within reach. Personal and professional changes will bring you greater happiness and confidence. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Keep plugging away until you reach your destination. Don't let someone sidetrack you and slow down your ability to get things done. Sidestep anyone who tries to take advantage of your helpful attitude. Do your own thing and avoid debates based on hearsay. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Use past and present connections to help you reach your goals. Share thoughts and offer favors if it will help you get ahead. Use your insights to convince others to do things your way. Romance will brighten your day. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll face stubborn opposition if you ask for help. Opt to go it alone and follow the path that you feel will bring you the best results. A change will do you good, and physical exercise will improve your mindset. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take hold of whatever situation you face. Control the outcome using intelligence, charm and a little friendly persuasion. A chance to do something with family members will help bring you closer together. Travel plans can be made. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Get in the fast lane and bring about change that will influence the way you live. It's time to shake things up and get things done. Good fortune will result if you do what's best for you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Form new partnerships or resurrect old ties with someone you find inspirational and easy to work with. Make relationships a priority and offer incentives to gain approval of your plans. Don't settle for less when you want more. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Keep an open mind when discussing business propositions, but be sure to ask questions if the information borders on the impossible. A conservative approach is your best bet. Personal changes can be made. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Tie up loose ends and make plans to do something to improve your home and family life. Family discussions will bring good results for everyone. Home renovations, updating your entertainment center or hosting an event are favored. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Stay focused. Someone will distract or mislead you with gossip or poor information. Do your own research and make decisions based on your findings. Don't let an incident with a friend or relative escalate. Let the dust settle. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take a walk down memory lane. Attend a reunion or make a point to reconnect with someone you have worked with in the past or lost touch with due to circumstances beyond your control. Romance is in the stars, and a fresh start is favored. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are determined, persistent and outgoing. You are brave and tolerant.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/06

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	5	7	3	8	4	2	6	9
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/05

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

DECODING PORTMANTEAU Solution: 10 letters

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C	T	E	A	W	W	N	N	Ⓣ	Ⓘ	Ⓑ	N	W	K	I
A	A	W	N	T	N	U	D	V	O	G	V	L	O	G
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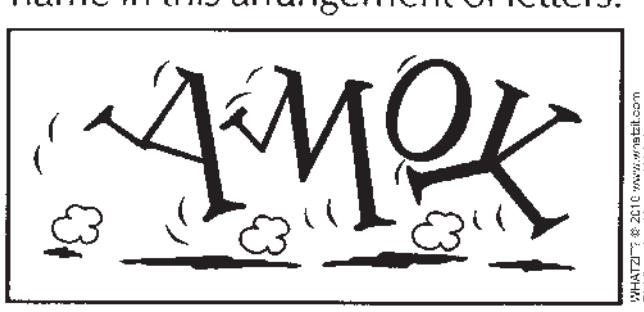

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Sales Officer

Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than May 13, 2016.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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KARIDAT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Karidat is seeking warm, reliable individual for:

(1) Client Accounts Coordinator – Experience in domestic violence program administration and financial management/procurement required. Interested persons may pick up job descriptions and applications from Karidat's Main Office in Chalan Piao, VS Sablan Building 1st floor between 8am to 5pm, Monday-Friday. Deadline for submission of application with all required attachment is May 13, 2016. NO telephone inquiries and local hire only.

JVA for YANO Enterprises, Inc.
Dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Yano Enterprises, Inc.:

Restaurant Waitress (3): (Full time) Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

Cook (3): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required and Cook must have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURTOF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	] Civil Action No.] 16-0062]
JESUS REYES TENORIO, Deceased.	] Date: June 7, 2016] Time: 1:30 p.m.] Judge: Honorable] David A. Wiseman]

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Pursuant to NMI R. of Prob. P. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Jennifer Dockter at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this 22nd day of April 2016.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-024

Opening Date: Monday, May 02, 2016
Closing Date: Friday, May 13, 2016

Trades Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Drinking Water & Wastewater Division Manager or his/her designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools. Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues. Responds to trouble calls as needed. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site. Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used. Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete. Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports. Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities. Performing daily well and pump station facility maintenance, cleaning and monitoring; Assisting plumbing and chlorine maintenance crew; Utilizing digging equipment for locating and repairing leaks; Repairing and securing pressure reducer valves, main valves, service lines and laterals, and booster pumps; Assisting with meter installation and repair; Collecting water samples. Must be able to lift objects weighing at 40 lbs. or more. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Water Division, **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $16,742.00 per annum.
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : Seven (7)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-ITB-16-013

SALE AND REMOVAL OF SCRAP MATERIALS FROM THE WAREHOUSE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals and firms to bid on CUC Scrap materials located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained at no charge upon registration at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and One (1) copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-ITB-16-013, CUC Sale & Removal of Scrap Materials from the Warehouse"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 26, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from claims resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the scrap materials. CUC shall transfer and assign the scrap materials to the prospective bidder in an **"As is, Where is"** condition. By accepting the transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the scrap materials.

The scrap materials may be inspected by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, by contacting CUC Warehouse Division at telephone no. 322-6585.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2016, to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Administrative Technician for Procurement via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-014

AS LITO WATER DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT/RELOCATION OF SERVICE LATERALS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of As Lito Water Distribution Upgrade and Replacement/Relocation of Service Laterals in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new distribution lines, cut and cap of existing lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of new fire hydrants, flush hydrants, air relief valves, new water lateral connections, relocation and reconnection of existing water meters and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **May 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "*CUC-IFB-16-014, As Lito Water Distribution Upgrade and Replacement/Relocation of Service Laterals"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 9, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 23, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Logistics Manager
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Accounting Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course in accounting with at least 5 years experience in financial management: directing the preparation of financial reports; implementing cash management; and directing investment activities for a logistics supply chain business operations. Must have excellent written communication and analysis skills for financial data reporting. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics software are a must. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Sales & Marketing Manager
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Sales or Marketing or any Business course and at least 3 years of managerial work experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Storage and Distribution Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

Transportation Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

Specialized Truck Driver (7)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (4)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Accounting Clerk
High School graduate, GED, Associates degree or equivalent with at least 2-3 years bookkeeping or clerical accounting work experience in freight forwarding operation, sales or service related work. Associate Degree in Accounting, Auditing, Business Management or Finance an advantage. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Word Processor and Spreadsheet; and proficient with Accounting software such as SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) system, ERP system, and HR2 system).

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

Automotive Body Repairer
Formal Auto Body Training in a Vocational School is required as well as a minimum of one-year experience in repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies' vehicle frames. Proficiency in automotive body painting is required.

Janitor
Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than May 16, 2016.

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McIlroy aims for 1st PGA Tour win of year

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Rory McIlroy is confident a return to one of his favorite golf courses will end his winless streak on the PGA Tour.

It may be hard to fathom, but it's been a full year since the world's No. 3-ranked player last won on tour. McIlroy's last victory came here at the Wells Fargo Championship last May when he obliterated the field by seven shots to become the tournament's first two-time winner.

Despite shooting a tournament-record 21-under 267 here last year, McIlroy was never able to carry that momentum over to the rest of 2015 except for one win on the European Tour.

"I do feel as if this is my best chance to get that first win" of the season, McIlroy said Wednesday. "The golf course sets up well for me and it's a very fair test. You hit good shots and you get rewarded."

Everything seems to be pointing toward this being a strong week for McIlroy.

Not only does the Quail Hollow Club benefit players like McIlroy who are long and accurate off the tee, but his confidence here is off the charts. McIlroy's third-round 61 last year set a course record and made for a drama-free Sunday as nobody else in the field was close enough to mount a challenge.

"The positive vibes and the memories I have had here, that really helps," said McIlroy, who turned 27 on Thursday. "Remembering the great shots I have hit on some holes and the great putts I have holed when I needed to, all of those things combined—it is just a place that I feel very comfortable. I feel like I have to play pretty badly not to shoot a good score."

It doesn't hurt that the world's top two golfers—Jordan Spieth and Jason Day—aren't playing here this week.

The fact that the course is saturated this week and balls simply aren't rolling much in the fairway only further playing into his hands since he's traditionally so long and accurate off the tee.

Rickie Fowler, who won here in 2014, said he's confident McIlroy will be in contention this week.

"The length is a premium this year here more so than others," Fowler said. "If you can drive it a little further than other people and keep it in the fairway and have a shorter club it definitely helps here. If Rory drives the ball well this week, he will play well as he has done here multiple times."

McIlroy's game seems to be rounding into form after a slow start to the season. Since failing to make the cut at the Honda Classic in February, he's finished in the top 10 in three of the last four tournaments.

While Wednesday's practice round marked his first since the Masters in early April, McIlroy has spent long hours working on his swing. He said he's worked out some kinks that have led to some inconsistent rounds like the wild 77 he shot in the third round at Augusta National that took him out contention to win another green jacket.

"I wasn't really happy with my swing," McIlroy said.

The rest of the field clearly views McIlroy as the player to beat this week at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Jim Furyk, who is playing in his first PGA Tour event since last September due to a wrist injury, said the Quail Hollow Club course is set up perfectly for the kid from Northern Ireland.

"The golf course plays very right to left and that's his game," Furyk said. "He hits it hard and long and this is a big golf course. So I can see him being very, very comfortable here."

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FIRST AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for reconditioning of the perimeter fence and widening of Charlie Dock service gate at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Port of Saipan Reconditioning of the Perimeter Fence/Widening of Charlie Service Gate, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to submit one original and two copies of its bid proposal.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to Construction of the **PERIMETER FENCE RECONDITIONING/WIDENING OF CHARLIE SERVICE GATE PROJECT, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15**. The Work involves removing the entire existing chain-link fabric and all accessories and replacing them with new chain-link fabric and accessories. It also includes the removal of the existing Charlie gate and replacing it with a new wider sliding gate all in accordance with the plans and specifications, rules and regulations of all governing agencies. The project is located at the Saipan Seaport, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The Project is being financed by funds from Port Security Grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be one hundred fifty (150) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars ($350.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Seaport Conference Room, George A. Fleming Office Building, Port of Saipan, at ~~**10:00 a.m., Monday, MARCH 28, 2016**~~, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening.

An intent to bid form and prequalification statements are required fourteen (14) days prior to bid opening date. Details are provided in the legal provisions section of the specifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

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Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: April 14, 2016

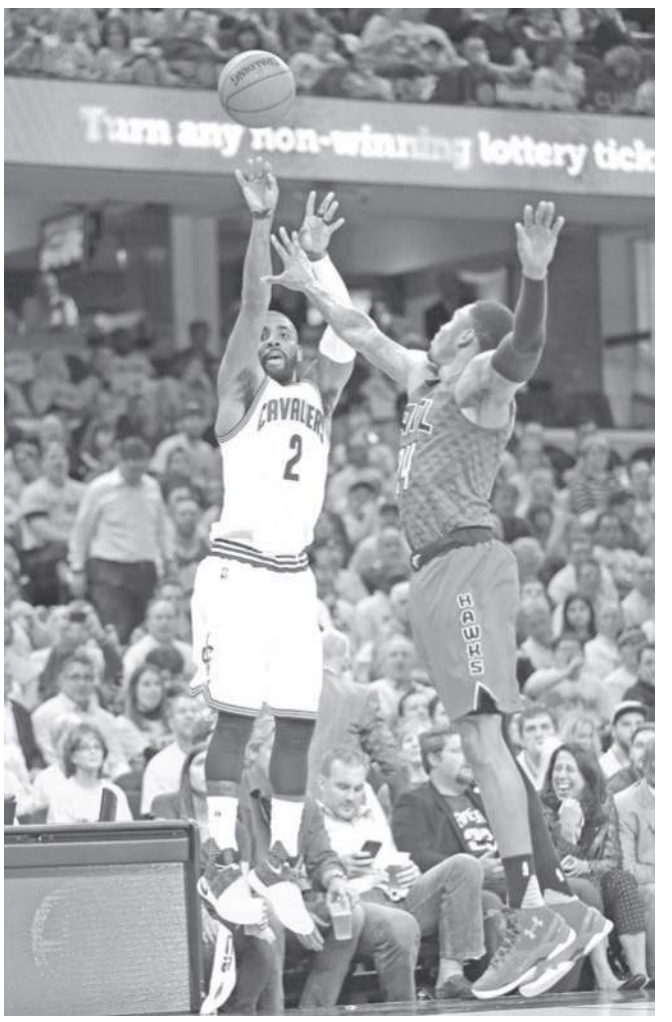
Cavaliers make record 25 treys, rout Hawks

CLEVELAND (AP)—Your shot, Warriors.

Dropping jumpers from every corner and angle, the Cleveland Cavaliers drained an NBA record 25 3-pointers -- the most in any regular season or playoff game—during a 123-98 runaway win over the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night in Game 2 of their second-round series.

J.R. Smith made seven 3s as the Cavs, looking like an Eastern Conference version of Golden State's Splash Brothers, had the most prolific outside shooting game of any team in league history.

From the outset, they were on target and on a tear, and afterward LeBron James struggled to explain it.



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Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) puts up a 3-point shot against Atlanta Hawks forward Kent Bazemore (24) in the second half during Game 2 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Wednesday, May 4, 2016, in Cleveland.

"Tonight was a special night for all of us who played," he said. "This league has seen so many great teams, so many great players and great shooters and for us to set an all-time record is truly special."

James made four 3s and scored 27 points for the defending conference champions, who were able to rest their starters for the entire fourth quarter. Their arms were tired.

Cleveland finished 25 of 45 behind the arc and had 10 players make at least one 3.

Even the team's furry mascot, Moondog, got in on the act by making an over-the-head, backward fling from half court on his first try in the final minutes.

"When they put those shots down, I don't know if anyone can beat them, to be honest," said Atlanta's Kyle Korver, one of the game's deadliest shooters. "We were hoping that they'd start missing at some point."

The Cavs never did.

They made 18 3-pointers in the first half and added seven more after halftime to embarrass the Hawks, who have lost 10 straight postseason games to Cleveland.

The Cavs spent the final few minutes chasing history and when reserve Dahntay Jones dropped the Cavs' 24th 3 with 2:24 left, it bettered the mark of 23 previously held by Orlando (2009) and Houston (2013). Mo Williams added another 3 for good measure.

The Warriors, who beat the Cavs in last year's Finals and seem to be on a collision course with them again, recently set the postseason mark by making 21 3-pointers. Stephen Curry and Co. have a new bar to aim at.

Smith made six 3-pointers in the first half—the Cavs knocked down seven straight during one dizzying stretch—as Cleveland built a 38-point lead over the stunned Hawks, who will head home for Friday's Game 3 down 2-0 in the series and utterly demoralized.

There was little Atlanta defenders could do against the Cavs, who stood behind the line, took aim and dropped shot after shot after shot.

After making Cleveland's 16th 3-pointer in the first half, the easygoing Smith skipped back on defense like a little kid on a schoolyard playground as Cleveland's towel-waving fans danced with delight and smelled blood.

Yankees beat Orioles to end 6-game skid

BALTIMORE (AP)—For a change, the New York Yankees did just about everything right.

Mired in last place and riding a six-game losing streak, New York got a sharp outing from CC Sabathia in a 7-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Sabathia kept the Orioles in check over seven innings to help the Yankees improve to 9-16 and avoid their worst skid since April 2007. The left-hander was backed by a defense that turned three double plays, and he received ample support from New York's sputtering bats.

Cubs 6, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Ben Zobrist hit a three-run homer, Anthony Rizzo also connected and Jon Lester worked out of a pair of jams to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Pittsburgh Pirates for a three-game sweep.

Zobrist's third-inning homer put Chicago ahead after center fielder Andrew McCutchen dropped Rizzo's two-out liner for an error.

Red Sox 5, White Sox 2

In Chicago, David Ortiz hit his 509th home run to put Boston ahead to stay.

Ortiz's two-run shot to right field off Carlos Rodon (1-4) in the fifth inning tied him with Gary Sheffield for 25th all-time. It was his sixth homer of the season and 451st with Boston, one off Carl Yastrzemski's club mark.

Cardinals 5, Phillies 4

In St. Louis, Matt Holliday's RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning gave St. Louis a victory.

St. Louis loaded the bases with one out in the ninth inning against Phillies closer Jeanmar Gomez (2-1).

Astros 16, Twins 4

In Houston, Jason Castro homered and drove in four runs, and Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa both homered and knocked in three as Houston won consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Astros built a 6-0 lead after two innings and didn't let up in setting a season high for runs.

Mets 8, Braves 0

In New York, Steven Matz (4-1) allowed two hits over 7 2/3 innings, Lucas Duda hit two of the Mets' four home runs and New York extended its streak of winning series to six for the first time since August and September 2006.

Matz (4-1) struck out eight and walked none. He has a 0.67 ERA over his last four outings.

Indians 4, Tigers 0

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber pitched a five-hit shutout and Cleveland used a four-run fourth inning to defeat Detroit for the fifth straight time this season.

Kluber (2-3) worked out of jams in the second and fourth to beat Detroit for the second time in two weeks.

Rays 8, Dodgers 5

In St. Petersburg, Steve Pearce hit one of four Tampa Bay homers, a go-ahead three-run shot in the sixth inning, and the Rays beat Los Angeles.

Brandon Guyer, Steven Souza Jr. and Curt Casali added solo home runs for the Rays.

Pearce chased Alex Wood (1-3) with his third homer this season to put Tampa Bay ahead 5-2.

Blue Jays 4, Rangers 3

In Toronto, Russell Martin singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning and Toronto beat Texas.

Edwin Encarnacion singled off Tony Barnette (1-2) to begin the ninth and was replaced by pinch-runner Ezequiel Carrera.

Marlins 4, Diamondbacks 3

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton homered and drove in two runs for Miami.

Jose Fernandez (3-2) allowed three runs in five innings while striking out seven for the Marlins, who have won nine of 10.

Miami held Arizona scoreless over the final four innings for the win.

Reds 7, Giants 4

In Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips, Eugenio Suarez and Zack Cozart homered in a five-run second against Jake Peavy (1-3).

Peavy allowed seven runs and eight hits in six innings, raising his ERA to 9.00 in six starts.

Angels 7, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Mike Trout had an RBI triple and sparked a four-run eighth with a solo homer.

Trout tied the game at 3 after leading off the eighth with a drive to right on a hanging curveball from Tyler Thornburg (2-1).

Nationals 13, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Daniel Murphy finished a triple shy of the cycle, slumping slugger Bryce Harper also went deep. Mrphy and Clint Robinson drove in three runs apiece.

Stephen Strasburg (5-0) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings while striking out seven.

Mariners 9, Athletics 8

In Oakland, Dae-Ho Lee hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh after an earlier solo shot for his first career multi-homer game, and Seattle completed a three-game sweep.

Rockies 2, Padres 0

In San Diego, Tyler Chatwood (4-2) pitched three-hit ball for eight innings in his sixth start since Tommy John surgery, sending San Diego to its eighth shutout loss in 28 games this season.

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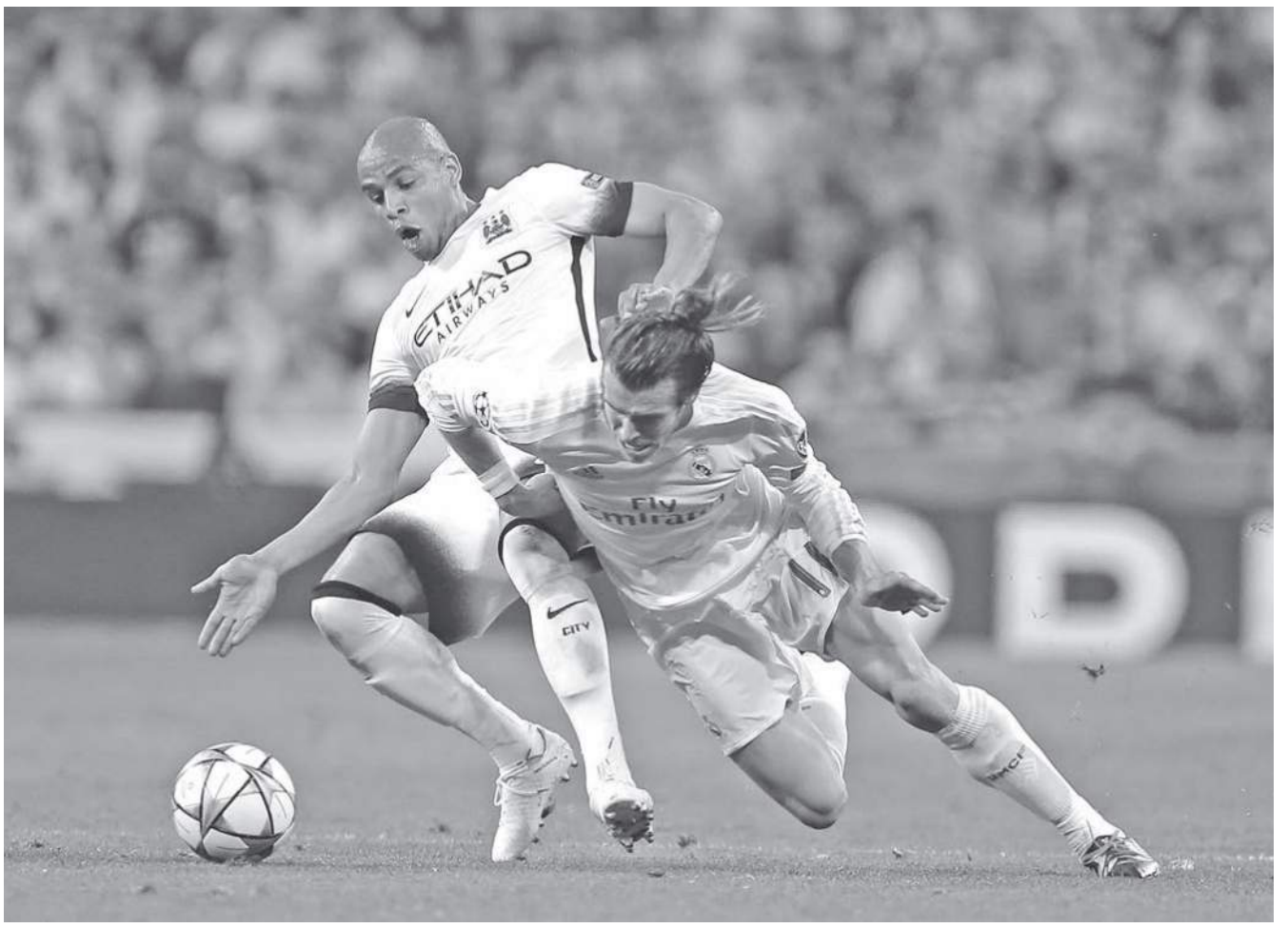
Real Madrid reaches Champions League final



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Manchester City's Fernando, left, challenges Real Madrid's Gareth Bale during the Champions League semifinal second leg soccer match between Real Madrid and Manchester City at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Wednesday May 4, 2016.

MADRID (AP)—Real Madrid turned another Champions League final into a cross-town derby on Wednesday, beating Manchester City a day after Atletico Madrid had sealed its place in the decider for European soccer's biggest prize.

A convincing 1-0 victory over City at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium means that Real will face Atletico on May 28 in a rematch of the 2014 final that it won in extra time.

Real Madrid will be trying to win its 11th Champions League title in the all-Spanish showdown in Milan. Atletico, which eliminated five-time champion Bayern Munich on Tuesday, will be trying to avenge the 4-1 loss from two years ago as it bids for its first title.

"We will give everything in our souls in another final," Real Madrid defender Sergio Ramos said. "We managed to stay united and soak up the pressure to try and pull it off. We've eliminated a huge team in City. It has taken a lot to get to the final, but we deserve it."

The second leg of the semi-final was decided by a superb shot by Gareth Bale from a tight angle that deflected off defender Fernando in the 20th minute and was marked down as an own goal. Madrid advanced with a 1-0 aggregate win after a scoreless first-leg draw in England last week.

"We suffered, as expected, but in the end we were able to reach the final and that's the most important thing," Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "We have to enjoy this moment. We got the job done."

Wednesday's win ended City's best ever participation in the Champions League, though it was outclassed on the night and never really looked like turning the game around. The wealthy English club hadn't made it past the round of 16 until this season's campaign.

"I am disappointed because I think that was a very close game," City coach Manuel Pellegrini said. "We didn't deserve to lose, Madrid was lucky with its goal, when the ball was deflected. I don't think any of the teams deserved to win. There was a lot of work by both sides in the two games, but not a lot of creativity."

After failing to win in Manchester, where Madrid played without Cristiano Ronaldo because of an injury, City faced a difficult task at the Bernabeu. The hosts had a perfect record in this season's competition, winning all six home games and outscoring opponents 19-0.

"We are happy because we are in the final and it is special," said Ronaldo, who returned to action after missing the last three games. "One-nil is a close result but we were the better side."

Madrid pushed forward from the start and it didn't take long before it opened the scoring after a perfect pass by Dani Carvajal to Bale into the area.

The Wales forward turned and sent a high shot that struck the far post before going in, with the ball deflecting just enough off Fernando to curl toward the goal.

Bale, who has scored four goals in the last five games, also hit the woodwork with a header in the 63rd.

Madrid had a goal disallowed because defender Pepe was offside in the 36th, and Ronaldo squandered a few good opportunities to put the game out of reach. The Portugal forward remains a goal shy of matching his own record of 17 goals in a single edition of the tournament.

An away goal would have turned things City's way, and the English club almost got it when Fernandinho's low shot from inside the area grazed the near post in the 44th.

City tried to take control in the second half, but Madrid still that had the best opportunities.

"We played against a strong team but they weren't better than us," Pellegrini said. "We needed a little luck but we didn't get it. We tried but we couldn't do it. I don't think Real Madrid proved they're superior to City."

The hosts had incredible chance to add to the lead in the 52nd, when Luka Modric found himself unmarked in front of the goal, but his shot was parried by City goalkeeper Joe Hart.

"We just did not have that little bit more," Hart said. "We could easily be in the final, but they managed the game well. They got a very lucky goal, but it is what it is."

City's only clear chance after halftime came from a long-range shot by Sergio Aguero in the 89th, but it sailed just over the crossbar.

City lost captain Vincent Kompany with an apparent muscle injury less than 10 minutes into the match, the latest injury to plague the defender this season.

"It is not the best thing changing a defender very early but I don't think we had any problems in defense," said Pellegrini, who will be replaced by Bayern's current coach Pep Guardiola next season. "We had problems creating, same as Real Madrid."

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decided to help in the resurfacing project as it will be beneficial to the sports community and the tourism industry.

"The funds came from our Destination Enhancement budget and had the full support of the Destination Enhancement Committee. The Board decided to support given our focus on sports tourism—tourists often use the track, and sporting teams from overseas use it for training. The South Pacific Mini Games are coming up in a few years (2021), plus the locals use it as well. It is a certified world class track according to NMSA so it's a win-win for everyone," Concepcion said.

The Oleai track was built in early 2000 and received certification from the International Association of Athletics Federation, but it has deteriorated in the last three years with bubbles forming all over the rubberized surface. The facility serves as a venue for local athletics tournaments, while baseball teams from Korea also use it for their training sessions. Last month, South Korean triathletes preparing for this year's Olympic Games in Brazil also ran at the track.

A firm based in Australia checked the facility early this year and said that it will take a minimum of three months to complete the resurfacing project.

"With respect to the timeline, it's up to the housing corporation when they will award the bid," Rogolifoi said.

NMHC is still doing the paper works for the project and told *Saipan Tribune* to check for updates after two weeks.

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Koblerville's Aleeza Castro (14.94m), Ashley Kasian (14.10m), and Ha'ane Salas (13.92m).

In the boys U9, Kagman's Theytherson Willy had a 33.68m heave in his second throw to prevail against nine others. Willy, who registered 31.67 in his first throw, defeated Koblerville's William King and WSR's Noah Palacios. King had 30.16m in his first throw, but settled for runner-up honors after logging 25.96 in his second throw. Palacios rounded out the Top 3 after his 26.20m in the second throw.

Meanwhile, the 1,500m, 200m, and 400m runs were also held yesterday, but only the results in the boys and girls U7 and girls U9 were available at press time.

Jolash Saluta won the all-WSR race in the boys U7 1,500m run after submitting 7:14.11. He prevailed against teammates Latrell Pelisamen (9:10.99), Angelo Nabaunag (9:25.74), and John Paul Delos Reyes (9:39.33).

In the girls U7, Agape Christian School's Angelina Quan clocked in at 10:32.51 to beat WSR's Kiyana Karki (12:32.00). In the girls U9 age group, Agape also earned the gold medal after Elvira Zhang timed in at 7:50.59. Zhang defeated WSR's Amanda Habal (7:54.61), Koblerville's Jedidah Hong (8:00.00) and Ashley Kasian (8:29.55), and WSR's Kysha Kileleman (9:08.22).

In other results, Koblerville ruled the girls U11's 4x100m relay after the quartet of Audrey Mettao, Strala Defang, Kia Iakopo, and Madeline Sablan combined for 1:13.01. They won against Brilliant Star's Audrey Castro, Risa Sekiguchi, and Chung, who posted 1:15.50. WSR's Maria Nabaunag, Mercedes Cabrera, Christheana Amaro, and Yerma Camacho took the bronze medal after logging 1:16.18 in last Wednesday's race.

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the last two, 5-7, 1-6.

After her victory against Sawatdee, Lee and the Pacific Oceania crew dropped their next five matches, but the CNMI junior netter closed out strong, winning her last two games. Lee topped Sri Lanka's Anya Gunawardena, 6-0, 6-4, and then teamed up with Vienna Kumar in beating Gunawardena and Anika Seneviratne, 4-6, 7-5, 11-9. The SCS student also defeated Uzbekistan's Milana Maslenkova, 6-1, 6-3, in an earlier match.

"Carol really did a great job in India and gave Pacific Oceania the most wins in the Junior Fed Cup. Her experience in playing against several tough players in the region will help her a lot this year as she competes in more ITF Junior ranking events," said Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race, who nominated Lee for the monthly plum during NMSA meeting last night at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, Northern Marianas Islands Football Association nominated Miyawaki for the male student award and the MP United striker got the unanimous votes from NMSA members. Miyawaki was recognized for helping MP United win the co-ed U12 crown in the 2016 NMIFA Spring Youth Football League and scoring the most goals (29) in the season. He also joined the 2016 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last month and won the boys U12 doubles title with Richard Steele and finished second in the boys U12 singles behind Seung Jin Paik.

Joining Miyawaki and Lee on the April awardees list was volleyball's Sabrina Pangelinan, who got the Female Athlete of the Month plum for placing second (with Knohlynn Gechig) in the 2016 Marianas Juniors Cup held in Guam and in the 2016 King and Queen of the Beach that took place on Saipan.

Come-from-behind wins for Samuel, Jeremiah

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Samuel and Jeremiah rallied past their respective opponents to win their season debuts in the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Jeremiah made a big comeback as it overhauled an 18-point halftime deficit en route to a 42-40 victory against Ezekiel in the second match last weekend. In the curtain-raiser, Samuel outclassed defending champion Caleb, 49-44.

Michael Cabanas anchored Jeremiah's recovery, as he nailed 13 of his 17 points in the second half to lift his team to the 2-point win. Cabanas also drew help from Isagani Cortez and Fred Fatialoafa, who combined for 13 markers in the last 20 minutes of the play.

The final half began with Ekeziel holding a 32-14 advantage. Ezekiel got off to a strong start after spreading the wealth as eight of its players hit the board led by Vic Formales, who knocked in 8 points in the first half. Brian Reynolds and Noni Eugenio chipped in 6 each and five other Ezekiel players added at least one basket apiece.

Jeremiah, on the other hand, had only Cortez scoring more than 4 points for the squad, as Jorge Lizardo and Fatialofa were held to 2 points each and Cabanas was limited to 4 in the first half. However, Cabanas made up for his so-so performance at the start of the game and outgunned the entire Ezekiel crew in the second half.

Ezekiel tallied only 8 points off three field goals and a pair of free throws from Neng Yang and Reynolds for the second-half meltdown. Arvin Bacani was the lone player to can more than a basket for Ezekiel in the second half with his 4 points, while Dan Toribio nailed the other field goal for the team.

Meanwhile, in the first game, Samuel came back from a 6-point deficit at the break, 20-26, to take the 5-point winning margin.

Mark Cando and Walter Brillo teamed up for Samuel in the second half, combining for 15 of the squad's 29 markers in that period. They also drew ample support from six of their teammates in the final half.

With Samuel and Jeremiah prevailing against their respective foes, they joined Gideon and Joshua on the win column. Gideon and Joshua topped Daniel and Isaiah in the league's opening week matches.

First Game

Samuel 49—Cando 16, Brillo 11, Francia 4, Gonzales 4, Badal 4, Acosta 3, Robles 3, Reyes 2, Lopez 2.

Caleb 44—Hernaez 12, Castro 9, Lizardo 8, Castro 6, Gabaldon 3, Dequito 2, Lansangan 2, Gozon 2.

Scoring by halves: 20-26, 49-44.

Second Game

Jeremiah 42—Cabanas 17, Cortez 13, Fatialofa 8, Lizardo 2, Conti 2.

Ezekiel 40—Formales 8, Reynolds 7, Toribio 6, Bacani 6, Eugenio 6,Samonte 3, Casuncad 2, Cruz 2, Yang 1.

Scoring by halves: 14-32, 42-40.

GENESIS CUP PHOTO
Jeremiah players pose for a photo before their game against Ezekiel in the 5th Genesis Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Tenorio jumps to first place in batting race

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The North Starz' Roke Tenorio is now the batting leader in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League.

Tenorio moved from third (after last week's matches) to first this week as he averaged .520 off his 13-for-25 performance at the plate. He took the top spot from last week's leader and Yankees player Franco Nakamura, who earlier averaged .588 (10-for-17), but was out of the Top 20 as his team did not play this week. Nokki Saralu of the defending champions GSM Brewers remained at second place with his .519 average after going 14-for-27.

Another Brewers player—Anthony Tenorio—made it to the Top 5 with his third-best average of .464 (13-for-28), while Jose and Peyton Lizama of the unbeaten and pacesetters Chalan Kanoa Bears are tied for fourth and fifth with similar .458 averages. The two Beats players were 11-for-24 in the team's six wins in as many games.

Completing the Top 10 are the Aces' Ben Jones (.435), the Falcons' Giovanni Mira (.429), the Bears' A.J. Lizama (.417), the Aces' John Tudela (.440), and the Falcons' A.J. Evangelista (.400). There are 12 other players on the batting leaderboard, which was based on 18 or more times at bat and compiled after last Wednesday's game (Bears won over the Falcons).

In the pitching race, the Aces' Mike Muna is still on top with his 1.08 ERA built around 16.2 innings pitched and two earned runs allowed. Ricky Joe Riungel, who held the lead for a couple of weeks, occupies the No. 2 spot with the North Starz' s Jared Camacho, as they have similar 1.28 ERAs. The Yankees' Kelvin Kapileo (1.64) and the Bears' Jeffrey Lizama rounded out the Top 5 after posting 1.64 and 1.80, respectively.

In other categories, the Bears' A.J. Lizama leads in the runs divison with 12, while his teammate Peyton Lziama and the Aces' Juan Iguel have 11 apiece. Saralu has the most doubles with 4, while his fellow Brewers player Anthony Tenorio is on top of the triples race with 3, tying the Aces' Lamarc Iguel. Saralu is also ahead in the RBIs race, sharing the lead with Tudela and Jose and A.J. Lizama as all four have 10 each. The Brewers' Lancaster Secharmidal is alone at the top spot for the strikeouts leaders with his 23 Ks, while Muna has 22.

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Tinian, Kagman top U9 softball throw

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Tinian Elementary School and Kagman Elementary School split the gold medals in the U9 age group's softball throw competition in the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships yesterday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Tinian's Devyani Pandey topped the girls U9 softball throw after recording 24m in her second throw. She also had the best mark (23.97m) in the first throw and was the lone entry in her division to post at least 20m in both throws.

Joining Pandey in the podium were William S. Reyes Elementary School's Shamaelyn Kileleman (17.06m) and Koblerville Elementary School's (16.68m). Seven others competed in the softball throw with Brilliant Star's Serin Chung (16.57m) ranked fourth and followed by Tinian's Bernadette Fleming (15.44m), Brilliant Star's Savita Sikkel (15.10m), Tinian's Allyana Sablan (16m), and

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A U9 student competes in the softball throw yesterday during the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships held at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Lee, Miyawaki take student-athletes awards

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ATHLETES of the MONTH

Saipan Community School's Carol Lee and Saipan International School's Rintaro Miyawaki were named NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Student Athletes of the Month (for April) after their impressive showings in separate tournaments last month.

Lee took the April top honors after posting four wins in the 2016 Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Final Qualifying while playing for the Pacific Oceania team. The 14-year-old CNMI junior netter's most notable victory was recorded in their game against Thailand's as Lee defeated the opposing team's top player Watsachol Sawatdee, 6-4, 6-4. Lee's triumph over Thai's No. 1 player in the division came a day after she nearly pulled off an upset against world No. 46 Baijing Lin of Australia. The Commonwealth bet stunned Lin in the first set, 6-2, before losing

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MVA to help NMSA in track resurfacing project

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With Marianas Visitors Authority stepping up to the plate, Northern Marianas Sports Association is positive that the long-awaited resurfacing work at the Oleai Sports Complex's track and field facility will start soon.

MVA will give NMASA $240,000 for the resurfacing project, which is estimated to cost more than $900,000.

"MVA Board of directors approved the expenditure of $240K to help with the cost of rehabilitating the track. I believe NMASA had funding commitment from NMHC which was insufficient so they approached the Board for assistance," MVA manager director Chris Concepcion said in an email sent to *Saipan Tribune* last Wednesday.

NMSA, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, was awarded $905,112.80 from the Community Development Block Grant funds for the resurfacing project, but had a shortfall of over $200,000, according to NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifoi.

"The total cost for the track resurfacing is $990.000 (lowest bidder). NMSA was awarded a total of $905,112.80 of CDBG funds for the project, but $159,800.00 was deducted for payment of the A&E design done by Henry Pangelinan and Associates, an engineering firm, which leaves us with $745,312.80, or about $250,000.00 short," Rogolifoi said.

"Because of the shortage of funds resulting in the delay of project, the housing corporation extended another 90 days for us to find the shortfall. We approached MVA to seek assistance and they responded in the affirmative. MVA will foot the balance and they are currently in communication with NMHC for the release of the funding. We extend our appreciation to MVA for their assistance. We can now move forward with the project," the NMSA official added.

Concepcion said the MVA board

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JON PEREZ
Bubbles have formed all over the surface of the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility, which will undergo resurfacing work this year.